



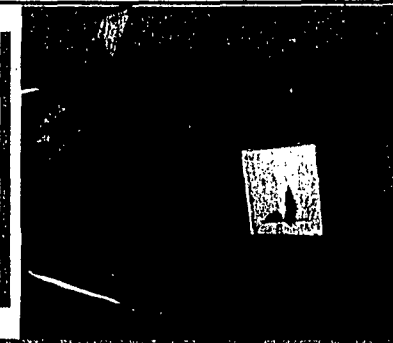
Northwest shocks MIAA with surprise wins

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IN KANSAS CITY



Local fourth-grader takes big shot at national basketball competition

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Safe Ride Home reaps warm welcome, awaits approval for next year

New pilot program serves 120 student passengers in first two weeks of service

By PETE GUTSCHENRITTER
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

After three years of planning and waiting for funds, Scott Rivera has landed himself in the driver's seat of the Safe Ride Home program.

And since its Feb. 27 debut, the pilot program has seen 120 passengers who have used the service, according to Clarence Green, director of Campus Safety.

Those numbers are exciting for Rivera.

"(The program) has been going really well," said Rivera, a member of Peer Education. "We're constantly busy from 11:30 to 2:30 every night I've driven."

The only problem Rivera has seen with the service, which runs from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Fridays and

Saturdays, is the wait to get a ride during the peak period.

"It's bad that people are having to wait, but there's not much we can do about it," he said. "People tend to not want to wait and they'll walk or find another ride."

The one-van limitation in the start-up program is a problem Green hopes to have fixed if it gets approved by the President's Cabinet this Spring.

"We're looking at a second vehicle, but we don't want to overplan in case the program isn't approved for next year," Green said. "And (the vehicle) is pretty well stripped, so it can't be used for anything else. But we're pretty close to capacity right now."

Approximately 40 percent of the passengers who have used Safe Ride

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Former Canadian leader addresses gender discrimination

Nation's first female prime minister visits Northwest for lecture on the politics of equality

By LACEY BAGLEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

When men fail, it is attributed to bad luck. But when women fail, it is attributed to incompetence, according to Kim Campbell in her speech about continuing inequality between genders.

Campbell, former Prime Min-

ister of Canada, spoke Wednesday at the Mary Linn Auditorium. Her main topic was how modern culture distinguishes between women and men and the work they perform. Her speech came with an empowerment message for young women wanting to get into politics.

"We need to understand how subconscious predispositions can effect our thinking," Campbell said. "Women and men are part of the same culture trained to think that women are incompetent."

Campbell said all people are judged on their credibility, trustworthiness and persuasiveness and by strengthening those aspects of their personality, women can be taken seriously as leaders.

Campbell was born and raised in British Columbia. She says that a powerful influence on her life in politics was her mother.

"My mother told my sister and I that we could do anything, even though that wasn't the popular thought of the time."

Starting her career in politics in high school as the first female student council, Campbell served in each level of government before she became Prime Minister in 1993.

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DOUBLE VICTORY

Combined talents of Bearcat men's and
women's teams result in MIAA clean sweep

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

On Sunday the Northwest men's and women's basketball teams completed a rare sweep of the MIAA tournaments.

The sweep was the first time since 1995, when Missouri Western won

locker room and went on an 11-0 run, holding the top-seeded Emporia State Hornets scoreless for the first four minutes of the half on their way to a 76-62 win.

The third-seeded Bearcats' victory was the first time a team not seeded No. 1 had won the title since 1996.

On the men's side, Northwest did not come out to as strong of a start, but trailed only 34-32 at half-time.

After trailing by as many as 11 in the second half, Northwest went on a 28-10 run to finish the game on their way to a 78-71 win.

Kelvin Parker was named the MVP of the men's bracket while Sarah Vollertsen was named the women's MVP.

Jane Chalmers was also named to the All-Tournament team.

On Thursday night, the women faced Central Missouri State in the first round. The first two times the teams met, the Bearcats blew out the Jennies. This time, however, CMSU kept it close, but Northwest prevailed 65-58. In the semifinals, they beat the Washburn Lady Blues 76-68.

The men held off a Missouri Southern charge to win their first game 85-74. They then faced arch-rival Missouri Western. They defeated the Griffons 87-65 to advance to the finals against Washburn.

See Section B for more on the sweep.

both titles. "For both) to be doing this it's very rewarding for our fans," men's coach Steve Tappmeyer said about the sweep.

"You like to please your fans and for us to get a double dip like this I think it will go down as one of the special days in Northwest sports history."

While both teams had the games in hand before the final buzzer sounded, each had their share of tight times throughout the games.

In the women's game, Northwest was able to jump out to an early lead before going into the break leading 25-24.

The Bearcats came out of the

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY PHIL REINKING/DESIGN EDITOR

Northwest returned from Kansas City with two MIAA Championship trophies. The men avenged their season losses to Washburn with a 87-65 victory, while the women went on to beat Emporia State 76-62.

State senators express doubt regarding UM system merger

Students, faculty discuss higher education issues during annual lobby day at Capitol

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

Silence fell over the packed Missouri Senate Lounge Tuesday as State Sen. Delbert Scott asked for final comments in favor or in opposition of the merger between Northwest and the University of Missouri system.

More than 50 Northwest students, faculty members and administrators caravanned to Jefferson City for Northwest's Legislative Day to lobby for both the issues of higher education and the merger.

They also attended the Senate's General Laws committee hearing as Senators questioned the legis-

lation, which is necessary for transforming Northwest into the UM system's fifth campus.

When Sen. Scott, chairman of the Senate's General Laws committee, called for final testimony on the legislation, not one faculty member or student stood up to speak.

Northwest Student Senate representative Derek Gillespie said he did not think this showed poorly on the students at Northwest.

"It might have been inappropriate for one student to stand up and speak against the merger, or for one to stand up and speak for it," Gillespie said. "It can also be intimidating for a student to stand up and speak on a topic that they

know little about."

He said most students that attended the Senate Hearing still did not know enough about the merger.

"So if anyone looked bad, I would say the administration and those in charge of educating the students about the merger looked the worst," Gillespie said.

Gillespie added that he believed the senators and representatives were able to obtain students' thoughts during the day of lobbying.

"In my group alone, we had students that were for, against and undecided about the merger," he said.

Discussion on Senate Bill 295 ended after State Sen. David Klindt, Regent Rollie Stadlman, UM system President Elson Floyd and Northwest Provost Taylor Barnes testified and answered Senators' questions.

One man missing from the discussion was Northwest President Dean Hubbard, who was absent from the hearing due to travel responsibilities. Hubbard's absence from the committee hearing drew criticism from Senate President Pro-Tem Peter Kinder, a Cape Girardeau Republican.

"I think he'd want to come down and make his case," he said.

Stadlman gave the Senate committee the assurance that all issues associated with the merger—including the institution's name, tuition rates and governance—have been addressed and resolved to the satisfaction of both schools.

"So far, we have not found a deal breaker," Stadlman said. "We have found that this is just the right thing to do."

After both schools consented to merge Feb. 13, Stadlman said they then entered an agreement of trust.

(Please see 'Lobbyists' page A8)



Greek scholarship pageant winners

'King and Queen'



Freshmen Derick Cunigan and Mallory Webster pose after being crowned King and Queen at the "Crimson and Cream" scholarship pageant, Friday. Cunigan and Webster are the first to win a scholarship from the Nu Gamma chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

'Dream Girl'



Kindra Felver of Delta Zeta models her evening gown just before being crowned Kappa Sigma's Dream Girl. Proceeds from the pageant totaled \$1,000 and were donated to the American Cancer Society.

Newcomer takes helm of Northwest Media Relations

By SARAH SWEDBERG
CHIEF REPORTER

The first publication Mary Ann Lowary owned was *The Big Timber Pioneer*, a weekly newspaper she bought in Big Timber, Mont.

Now in her fifth year in media relations, she said such experience will help her transition into Northwest's new vice president of University Relations.

"I have had such a background in reporting and a good understanding and insight about what is interesting and attractive to the news media," Lowary said.

Lowary's experience in the media expands from the time she completed her liberal arts degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia and marriage to the six newspapers she worked at to her former job as Graceland University's media relations coordinator.

Lowary began her work as vice president of University Relations on Wednesday. She will oversee the Media Relations office which is in charge of University publications such as *Northwest This Week* and the *Northwest Alumni Magazine*, as well as marketing the University. Lowary will be involved in making news selections for the University's Web site, publicizing University news and assisting in events planning.

Lowary said she is looking forward to becoming part of Northwest.

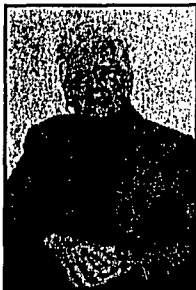
"The University has an outstanding reputation and I'm very pleased to become a part of it," she said. "I think Northwest is a very exciting place and they are doing some very interesting things."

Lowary said she has met most of her staff but, once she arrives on campus, she will meet all the members of the University Relations department.

"I hope to get around the campus to meet as many students, faculty and staff as I can," Lowary said.

As Lowary begins her work, she said she looks forward to being involved in some of the University's committees, including the centennial committee, the merger committee and the team that will work together to re-apply for the Baldrige Award.

"I have always enjoyed a new challenge," Lowary said. "And to work with a staff that I see has a great deal of talent in prompting the University."



MARY ANN LOWARY

'Shake it like a Polaroid picture'



PHOTO BY JANEA PHILIP/UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR
Lance Lewis donates a dollar to drag queen, "Precious," as he dances to Christina Aguilera's "Dirrty." The fifth annual drag show, sponsored by Common Ground, raised more than \$700 for the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri.

University Events

Thurs	11	■ IM Bowling, 9:30 p.m.
Fri.	12	■ Professional Advisors Committee Meeting, 1:30 p.m., 3rd floor Union
Sat.	13	■ International Student Organization Dinner, 6 p.m., Ballroom
Sun.	14	■ Sunday Night Church Union Ballroom 9 p.m.
Mon.	15	■ Faculty Phone-a-thon begins
Tues.	16	■ Encore: "Saturday Night Fever," 7:30 p.m. MIA
Wed.	17	■ St. Patrick's Day

Alumnus addresses terror concern

By LACY BAGLEY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

A 1972 Northwest alumnus returned to campus Tuesday night, calming fears about bioterrorism and spreading information about public health.

The University Health and Safety Committee sponsored "A Brief Overview of Bioterrorism" Tuesday night in the Union.

C. Jon Hinkle, senior epidemiologist specialist for the Northwestern Region Division of Environmental Health and Communicable Disease Prevention and a Northwest graduate, gave a historical account of bioterrorism around the world dating back to the sixth century.

"Bioterrorism is the intentional use, or threat of use, of microorganisms or biological toxins to produce death or disease," Hinkle said.

Hinkle also identified organisms

such as anthrax, smallpox and botulinum which could be used as weapons. He stressed, however, that making a weapon of organic agents is possible but difficult. Agroterrorism is the most dangerous threat to the United States. Hinkle gave a possible scenario involving bioterrorism in the beef industry that could do billions of dollars of damage to the U. S. economy.

Barret Eichler, assistant professor of chemistry and physics, said that Hinkle's lecture was beneficial to community members as well as students.

"Who is to say that this couldn't happen anywhere, even in rural Missouri?" Eichler said. "I think the thing that terrorists have shown us is that they can go as big or they can go as small as they can."

Hinkle stressed that his main purpose in any lecture is to educate the public on health and safety. His best

public safety tip is for people to wash their hands. He also suggested that people keep track of where they go and what they do.

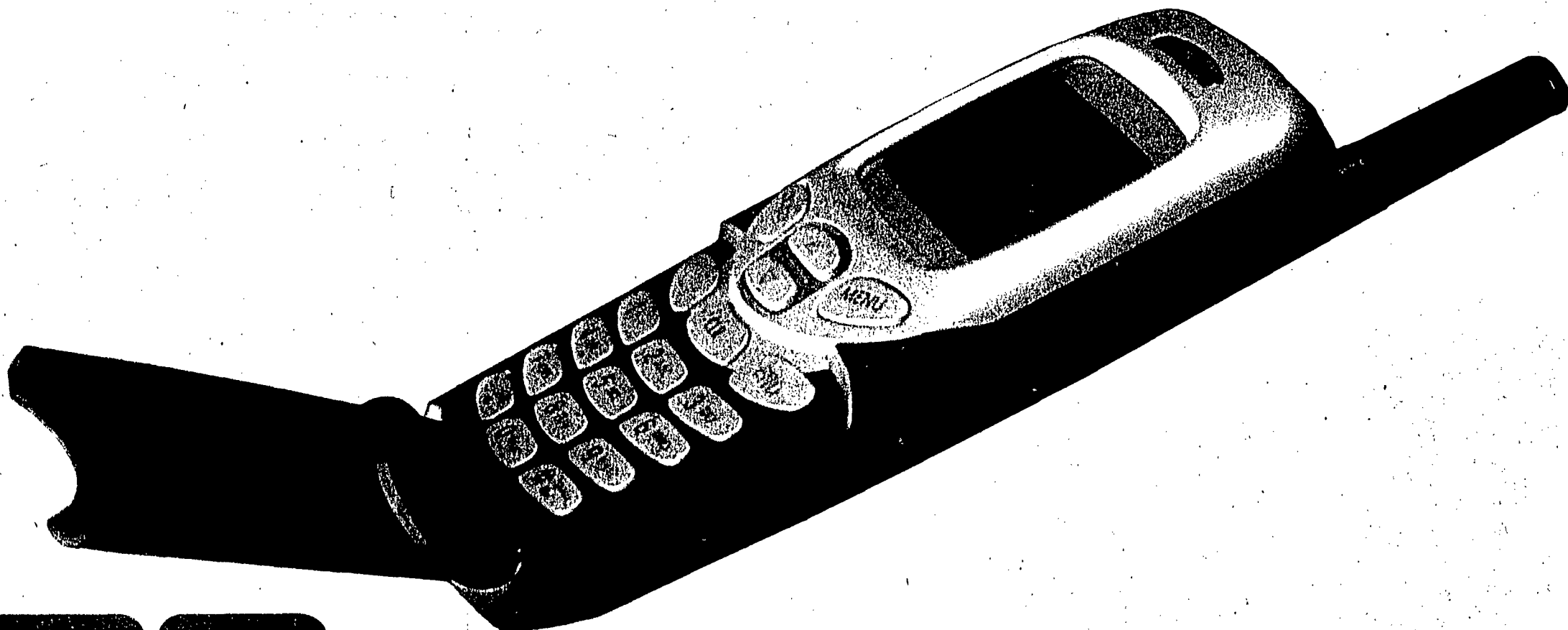
"Any time we can educate the public about health in general or just bioterrorism, it is good public awareness," Hinkle said.

For Missouri, Hinkle suggested using the Ready in 3 plan for emergencies. Ready in 3 is the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Service's campaign to prepare Missouri families for emergency situations that might occur.

Judy Frueh, regional response co-planner, attended Hinkle's lecture and invited anyone to volunteer to work with the Nodaway County Health Department.

"On the local level, we are preparing for mass treatment," Frueh said. "Our plans hinge on volunteerism."

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Jonathan Baker, 9, won the regional Elks Hoop Shoot competition last week and moves on to the national competition in Massachusetts next month. If he wins, his name will be displayed at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Shooting for it all...

Little man has big aspirations

By STEPHANIE STANGL
CHIEF REPORTER

Although dedication and desire for success are virtues that typically develop later in life, one 9-year-old boy already possesses such qualities.

Jonathan Baker, a fourth-grader at Eugene Field Elementary, was the named winner of the Elks Hoop Shoot competition at both the state and regional levels.

He competed against a mixture of six boys and girls, ages 8 to 9 at the state competition held in St. Louis, Mo. They first shot 10 free throws and then later shot 15 more.

Jonathan tied with another boy, making 20-of-25. In the instance of a tie, each contestant takes five more shots. Both boys made the first five, but then Jonathan won by one shot.

Moving on to the regional competition in Paris, Tenn., Jonathan faced state champions from Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee. He tied

again for first place with 24 shots.

Jonathan then knew what he had to do.

"I was really nervous. My legs were shaking a little bit," he said. "I just thought, I have to do this to win. But (I knew) it was okay if I didn't."

His opponent made 4-of-5 shots and Jonathan made all five.

The national competition held in Springfield, Mass., on April 24 is what Jonathan is looking forward to next. If he reigns supreme, his name will be displayed at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield.

Jonathan said his father, sister and physical education teacher John VanCleave are the people who have helped him become the basketball player he is today.

"Mr. VanCleave has been a big help in getting Jonathan ready for competition," Roger said.

In light of earlier and ongoing training from others, Jonathan already knows the meaning of self-discipline.

"Every morning I go to the (school) gym," Jonathan said. "I have two friends that help rebound for me and I practice until the bell rings."

Roger added that his son goes in to

practice at 7:30 a.m., which gives him roughly a half-hour to work on his shots.

With more than 1.3 million members nationwide, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks remains one of the oldest and largest fraternal organizations to date. The group devotes an immense amount of attention and support to youth programs across the nation.

According to Roger, the Elks took care of all of Jonathan's traveling expenses including transportation, food and lodging.

When Jonathan isn't practicing basketball or winning competitions, he enjoys hanging out with his friends, playing video games and singing in the First Baptist Church children's choir.

Coincidentally, Jonathan says he wants to be a professional basketball player when he grows up. He also has an alternate dream of being a math teacher.

VanCleave said Jonathan is enjoyable to train.

"He is so easy to work with. He listens, is a hard worker, is very committed and wants to do the best that he can," VanCleave said. "The neat thing about Jonathan is he is very unassuming. He doesn't have a big ego. That's really neat to see in a young boy."

Community events

Thurs.	11	■ Nodaway County 4-H Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Center
Fri.	12	■ Parents/Day Care Provider Workshop, 6-8 p.m., Eugene Field
Sat.	13	■ Middle Name Pride Day
Sun.	14	■ Story Hour: Dr. Suess, 10:15 a.m., Maryville Public Library
Mon.	15	■ St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 4-7 p.m., St. Gregory's School Parish Hall
Tues.	16	■ Save The Florida Panther Day
Wed.	17	■ Cancer Support Group, 6-7:30 p.m., Laura Street Baptist Church
		■ Parents/Day Care Provider Workshop, 6-8 p.m., Eugene Field
		■ St. Patrick's Day

If you would like to have your event published, please call 562-1224 or e-mail aballey@missourianonline.com

Missouri honors farms owned for more than 100 years

By JESSICA SWARTZ
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

It's been 28 years since Missouri Gov. Kit Bond decided to recognize the state's leading industry—agriculture. And the program is still going strong today.

Since 1976, the bicentennial year of this country's founding, the Missouri Century Farm Program has been spreading the word and receiving thousands of applications from farmers across the state.

"The program is more or less to celebrate the fact that there are farms that have been in the family for over a hundred years," said Andy Shirkey,

Missouri Century Farm Coordinator. "It's a recognition program."

The requirements are few. The family must have owned the farm for at least a century and needs to be of direct descent. The owners must still possess 40 acres of the original land and it must be a working farm that contributes to its own upkeep.

According to Shirkey, in the last year, 82 more farms have been recognized in Missouri as Century Farms.

To qualify, an application must first be approved. Then, with a small fee that covers clerical costs, a certificate and shipping and handling, eligible farmers receive a sign to place in their yard that states the signifi-

cance of the property.

One local family plans to continue in this program.

"We have four children," said Angela Farrell of rural Maryville, who lives on a farm that has been passed down through her husband's family for five generations. "We hope that they'll carry on the tradition."

The Farrell farm was purchased in the 1800s and has been used in general farming as well as to raise quarter horses and cattle.

Farrell learned of this program through her work at the Nodaway County Extension Program and was excited to hear about it.

"We're really proud of our farm,

so it's nice to be recognized," Farrell said.

Family pride and a desire to continue in a tradition that began generations ago, is a common quality in several of the families.

Ruth Burns Parman of Maryville possesses such traits and recalls many fond memories of the farm where she grew up.

"My grandfather set back an acre of land to build a schoolhouse," Parman said. "It was called Common Sense. It's no longer there, but my father and his brothers and sister attended that school and so did I."

Parman's mother, Ruth Gilbert

Burns Scott, is the daughter-in-law of the original owner and has lived there since she married Sam Burns 75 years ago.

Scott's grandson Kurby Parman and great-grandson Austin Parman now farm the family's land.

"We hope to keep this in the family," Scott said. "My grandson went places with his father. That got him to liking the farm and he decided that's what he wanted. He's going to be a farmer."

Century Farm applications are available at the Nodaway County Extension Office. For more information, call the office at 582-8101.

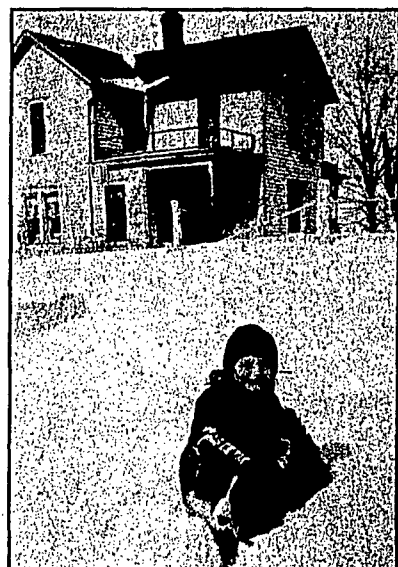


PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PARMAN FAMILY
Ruth Burns Parman sits with her dog Sandy behind Parman's home in 1936. Parman's grandfather W.D. Burns built the house in 1904.

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 2004 Chevy HD2500 "crew-cab 4x4" MSRP- \$37,293 Sale- \$29,743	 2004 Chevy Colorado "crew-cab Z71 4x4" MSRP- \$27,885 Sale- \$24,554	 2004 Pontiac Grand Prix "sunroof & XM radio" MSRP- \$27,045 Sale- \$22,593	 2004 Buick LeSabre "Buick loyalty 1,500" MSRP- \$26,590 Sale- \$21,591
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Our View

A safe choice

Safe Ride Home pilot program brings free opportunity for safer campus, community

Heading into the third weekend of the Safe Ride Home pilot program, students have been dialing 562-1245 at a fascinating pace. With 120 students using the service over the last two weekends, it is clear: this program was way overdue.

An average of 30 students—under the influence or not—have reaped the benefits that surrounding universities such as the University of Missouri-Columbia and the University of Kansas have enjoyed.

We at *The Missourian* applaud the six drivers who give up part of their weekend to make sure students get home safe and Clarence Green for pushing the program to be a mainstay on campus.

At the same time, we urge the President's Cabinet to approve this desperately needed program in April.

Even though costs are still unclear, the \$3,000 total for the pilot is feasible in every sense of the word. For instance, assuming the program stays on pace with 60 students getting a safe ride home per weekend for the rest of the trimester, it would amount to \$6.25 per student. Isn't that worth saving a life?

And in a time where topics like the possible merger with the University of Missouri system, shouldn't a program that would keep Northwest students alive be at the top of the agenda?

Instead of asking students to pay \$100 for "new" entertainment on campus, shouldn't Student Senate be sponsoring a program that is free, much less valuable?

Granted, there is only one car traversing the city of Maryville and students may have to wait a little longer during the peak hours on Friday and Saturday. But does that matter? Having to wait an extra 30 to 45 minutes is much more wise than getting an DWI, or worse, putting your life and other people's lives at risk.

Everyone at one point or another has heard of a student getting into alcohol-related trouble, if they haven't themselves. But you must know this: Safe Ride drivers and dispatchers do not give breathalyzer tests, nor do they interrogate you.

They simply ask for your name and student ID so they can keep records of the number of riders. And the drivers are students that go to class and participate in extracurricular activities just like you do.

According to SafeRide.org, there are 2.2 million drunk driving accidents each year, victimizing 1.3 million innocent people. In addition, between 240,000 and 360,000 of the nation's 12 million current undergraduates will ultimately die from alcohol-related causes. And if causing bodily damage or death isn't reason enough, drunk driving can result in the revocation of your license. Getting a free ride from a trusted driver just makes more sense.

Overall, calling Safe Ride should never be a last resort. Instead, it should be on speed dial. And the more students who use the service, the more likely it is to stay on campus.

Many students have fought long and hard to institute the Safe Ride program on campus. Various campus groups combined their efforts to make this pilot program happen.

When you see a Safe Ride driver or when you get out of their van, tell them thanks. And make sure you tell members of the President's Cabinet you want the program to stay. You're putting your life and your classmates' lives at risk if you don't.



Former heroes bring comfort to an ailing game

About this same time last year, I had a chance meeting with Buck O'Neil. I was at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum doing a photo shoot, when I ran into the man that I had seen in Ken Burns' documentary, literally the day before.

I knew a little about the Negro Leagues, but my extent of real baseball knowledge was limited. In fact, pre-1984 baseball was a little bit more fascinating to me than a VCR instruction manual. But as Buck walked with me around the museum and as I scribbled everything he said between my questions, a whole other world began to open up for me. I heard tales of young men that would have paid every cent they had to play the game.

They spent tremendous amounts of time on the road, all for their love of the game. And I began to realize the myriad of untold stories these men had.

Buck, with a glazed look of a man in the middle of a daydream, began to tell me about his friend Satchel Paige. He told me about the time he met Satchel, which involved Buck having to take Satchel's girlfriend around the town because he knew Satchel was "en-

My View
AARON BAILEY
COMMUNITY NEWS
EDITOR

tertaining" a female fan. Consequently, this is where Buck's nickname "Nancy" came about, which stuck with him to this day.

I asked Buck just how good Satchel was, hoping not to sound like a greenhorn reporter. He looked at me and simply said "The best."

After my time with Buck, I began to read everything I could on the Negro Leagues. I quickly discovered that Satchel, never having the opportunity to pitch in the Majors until he was well into his 40s, may very well have been the best player to ever grace a baseball field. I read about his multiple no-hitters, and even one legend (and I use that term because statistics weren't recorded in the Negro

Leagues) that had Satchel not only striking out 27 batters in one game—but not allowing one hitter to even foul off one of his pitches.

As spring approaches and America begins to dream about cool evenings at the ballpark watching their teams fight for a pennant, I can't help but think about how the game has gone astray.

In the midst of steroid scandals, player greed and the continuing schism between players and fans, the game is beginning to evolve into something that men like Satchel Paige would have never dreamed possible. Today's players have forgotten why they picked up a bat and glove as children and played the game as daylight faded, ignoring their rumbling stomachs and calls from their mothers for dinner. They have forgotten the men that played before them and the sacrifices they made, all to play a child's game.

And next month as I make my way into Kauffman Stadium on opening day, I will once again root for my Royals, forgetting—if not for at least an afternoon—the troubled state of a once great game.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Marriage; an institution already defined by God

In Aaron Bailey's Feb. 19 column, "Banning gay marriage would be un-American," Mr. Bailey asked the question, "Who has the right to define marriage?" Both Mr. Bailey in his article, and Dr. Richard Fulton in a recent *Maryville Daily Forum* article entitled "Gay Marriage," never did define marriage. Both left the impression that society is evolving and marriage is subject to change as society changes.

It was God who instituted marriage and He alone has the right to define it. In Genesis chapter 2 we find that there was no mate for Adam, the man that God created. So He made a woman out of Adam's rib and brought her to Adam. Scripture states that Eve was his wife in Chapter 2:25. God settled this matter right then and there. God created them male and female.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines marriage as 1. Legally organized personal union entered into by

a man and a woman usually with the intention of living together and having sexual relations, and entailing property and inheritance rights; the condition of being a husband or wife, the relation of two persons married to each other. 2. The action or an act of getting married; the ceremony or procedure by which two persons are made husband and wife.

Elder R. Wayne Peters noted in his book, *Marriage: A Biblical Perspective*, "that marriage is much more than a legal or contractual relationship; it is a scriptural relationship with commitments, attributes, responsibilities and right defined and regulated by God's Word." The Bible clearly defines marriage as being between a man and a woman. The Bible states that any other arrangement or relationship is sin. This prohibits two persons of the same sex from marriage.

By defining the word "marriage," we see that there is no such thing as

a "gay marriage." The recent changes in society such as a high divorce rate, couples shacking up together, unwed parents, etc., have been changes that the Word of God prohibits. As we move farther away from the teaching of God's Word we will continue to have these types of sin becoming the issues of the day. The Word of God is not subject to be changed, even if a society changes.

By not defining the word marriage, the writers left open the idea that marriage changes as society evolves. What doesn't go today, can go tomorrow.

Under that direction, we can never really determine what marriage is and it is left to any man's interpretation. Now, we trust you can see why the word "marriage" was never defined. It would bring that dirty word "sin" to light.

ELDER KOBEE TRUEBLOOD
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST MINISTER,
MARYVILLE

YOUR VIEW

Have you ever received a parking ticket on campus, and what do you think they do with the money generated from those tickets?



"Yes. I think they waste it because we're still in debt. I think it should go towards something productive, like scholarships."

Kelsey Nichols
Psychology/
Sociology



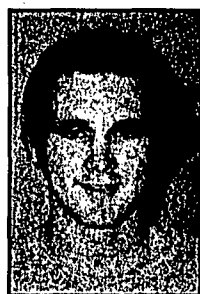
"No. They probably put it into some kind of an account and then use it for parking lot improvements."

Beth Kloewer
Secondary
Social Sciences
Education



"No I haven't. They probably spend the money to fund Campus Safety operations and other improvements on campus."

Chris Momms
Business
Management



"No. Probably to make parking lot improvements."

Rob Graham
Finance



"When I was a commuter, I found some public parking lots that were a lot closer than commuter lots, so I only got a couple of tickets. But I figure the money goes towards maintenance fees for Campus Safety and other operational funds."

Jared Haer
Interactive
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We are sure that you are aware of the incident in the hall Tuesday night in which a person (or persons) lit three separate signs on fire creating a dangerous situation. Fortunately no injuries were sustained as a result of the incident.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Matt Baker
Assistant Director of Residential Life

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Director of Campus Safety

Governmental, cultural clash results in unfamiliar America

By JOEL HOARD
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — There exists a magical place in this nation of ours where a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline costs \$3.10. It's called Gorda, Calif. Situated along scenic Highway One along California's Central Coast, Gorda is at least 30 miles from anything resembling civilization.

The population of Gorda is exactly one. He owns and operates the gas station, the town's solitary building. He's the kind of guy who wears bright yellow waders pulled up to his armpits even when he's on dry land. I'm guessing he was at one time a pirate.

My girlfriend and I were driving down the Pacific Coast on Spring Break, but I didn't bother to stop for gas in Big Sur, a much larger town about 40 miles north of Gorda. About an hour later, we were dangerously low on gas. Relief finally came in the form of Gorda and its lonely gas station, just as the gas gauge was edging to the left of "E."

Why didn't I just stop in Big Sur? Because it was no big deal, I told myself. This is America — there's a gas station every 10 feet. You see, I never imagined there could be a stretch of highway along the coastline of the nation's most populated state where it was possible to drive for an hour without seeing a gas station.

I relate this tale not as a precaution to those who may make a similar journey in the future, nor as a way of criticizing soaring gas prices. Instead, I tell this story as a means of highlighting one of the major themes of my 5,000-mile trek across the country: When it comes to America,

I don't know a damn thing these days.

But my ignorance doesn't stem from a lack of education or effort — I do my best to keep up with the times. The real problem is, I don't know what America stands for anymore, and neither does America. We can no longer say "United we stand" and mean it.

During times of strife we expect our president to step in and rally the country. But here in the 21st century, in the face of terrorist attacks and constant criticism from abroad, we've been divided into two distinct groups. The first does indeed rally behind the president and says, "God bless America and George W. Bush." The second points at the president and says, "It's not our fault. He did it."

Of course the nation has been divided along party lines since nearly the beginning. In the past, at least one side would tolerate the other. But with our last two presidents, one a liar and the other a liar and a warmonger, things have changed. Five years ago, Republicans rebuked Clinton as the most sinful and despicable man in America, a shining example of everything that's wrong in America. Today, Democrats label Bush as the devil incarnate, a man who strips away freedoms and kills innocent people all in the name of fighting terror. What kind of country is it where half the nation is not only embarrassed by its leader, but it downright hates him? It's modern-day America.

If we can't count on our leader or our politics to define the nation, then perhaps there's some moral code or common values that unite us. Nope. A quick look at two cities I visited on my

trip — Las Vegas and St. George, Utah, which are just 120 miles apart — proves otherwise. The cities are diametrically opposed. Everyone knows Las Vegas as a center of gaudiness and depravity, and everyone is right. But few know St. George. I think St. George is best defined by a video rental store that was situated in a strip mall near our hotel. It wasn't a Blockbuster Video as you'd find here. No, this was a store that would take feature films, censor them, and then market them to conservative Christian families. These two cities couldn't possibly be in the same country, could they? But they are — they're in America.

I visited many other places on my trip, and few of them were even remotely alike. I saw rich and vibrant cities like San Francisco, as well as small prairie towns like Ogallala, Neb., one of those places where everyone knows everyone else.

Some may tout what I am describing as diversity. I suppose it fits a loose definition, but diversity as a concept is only useful when describing cultures that intersect and blend together. Here, differing groups are separated and scattered. Little intersection and even less blending occurs. The liberal, progressive views of San Francisco rarely cross paths with the conservative, heartland values of Ogallala.

But for some reason, we're all still grouped together under this banner that reads, "The United States of America." So now, I sit here and wonder, how can we expect the rest of the world to like us when we don't even know who we are anymore?



Extend respect to gays; not to gay marriage

By JASON GARTHOFFNER
DAILY FORTY-NINER (CALIFORNIA STATE U.-LONG BEACH)

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH, Calif. — In a statement following her illegal marriage in San Francisco last week, Rosie O'Donnell invoked the words "liberty and justice for all."

Gays are always setting trends for what is fashionable and they've finally made breaking the law chic. To think, just a couple of months ago the left was calling for Alabama Supreme Court Justice Roy Moore's head when he defied a court order to remove the Ten Commandments from his courthouse.

If I were Rosa Parks I would be angry with all the "progressive" liberals and gay activists comparing San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom to her. It took real courage for blacks in the south to stand up against real oppression.

The idea that gay people are second-class citizens in this country is laughable. Contrary to what some may believe, they are not denied their rights to life, liberty and property. They are our elected leaders. They have television shows, movies and magazines. Gay people are respected

and admired actors, musicians, artists, fashion designers and drag queens.

They are totally accepted members of our society and yet they need the "right" to marry.

Interestingly, marriage is not a right. In any case, this fight is not about rights. Ask any married straight man, it can't possibly be about rights. Acknowledging this fact, you would eventually find gays are allowed to marry, so long as it's someone of the opposite sex.

If it is declared that marriage cannot be constrained to opposite sex couples, where does the line get drawn? Can a man and his granddaughter get married? What about two brothers? What about polygamy? (I'm sure Bill Clinton is pulling for that one, it would finally give him an out.)

What about a 60-year-old spinster and one of her cats? Why stop at one cat, can't she just marry them all? Can't they just all be married to one another? After all, if they all really love each other, it wouldn't affect you if they get married.

Liberty and justice for all, right Rosie Parks?

That is what can and will happen if marriage is no longer exclusively between

a man and a woman. Gays will break down a barrier that is thousands of years old, and then there will be no valid justification to stop miscellaneous and incestuous marriages. Judges would have every reason to declare the laws against them unconstitutional.

Eventually, marriage will have no special meaning. I can't wait for the day when people say, "Look at that unrelated heterosexual couple getting married! They still do that? How cute!"

Real progress would be to revitalize marriages, making them and divorces tougher to obtain. Maybe then heterosexuals will start taking it seriously again (I'm sure Bill Clinton is not pulling for that).

Then they'll argue that the government is legislating discrimination. You know, I take it back, gays can have marriage. In return the left must give up affirmative action, impose taxes on Indian casinos the same way they do on all other American businesses and allow theology majors access to the same federal grants all other college students can obtain. That would be a good start.

Liberty and justice for all, right Rosie Parks?

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UNIVERSITY BRIEFS

Preview Day to aid prospective Missouri Academy students, families

More than 20 prospective students and their families are expected to gather at Northwest from noon to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 13, for Academy Preview Day in the Student Union Boardroom.

The day will include presentations by Academy directors, an introduction of Dr. Cleo Samudzi, the new dean of the Academy and a tour of the campus and residence halls.

For more information about Preview Day contact the Missouri Academy at 562-1960.

Northwest to utilize new 'CatPAWS' software system on campus

Students and advisers will be using a new software system when registering for the fall 2004 trimester beginning Monday, March 15.

'CatPAWS, which stands for personal access to web services, will be replacing the current WebSTAR system. However, students registering for the summer 2004 trimester will continue to use WebSTAR.

Northwest faculty to recruit potential students through Phone-a-thon

More than 60 members of the Northwest faculty will assist the Office of Admissions with recruitment efforts during the annual Faculty Phone-a-thon scheduled for March 15-18.

During the phone-a-thon, faculty members will contact high school seniors and transfer students who have been accepted to Northwest.

The Office of Admissions hopes to reach as many potential students as possible with the phone-a-thon.

International Student Organization sponsors cultural dinner and show

The International Student Organization at Northwest is sponsoring "A Night Out with the World; One Enchanted Evening," dinner and show at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 13, in the Student Union Ballroom.

The ISO dinner will feature dishes from more than 100 countries ranging from Thailand to Germany and Algeria to Afghanistan. International students will be preparing dishes from their native countries for a buffet-style dinner.

ISO will also entertain the audience with musical and cultural dance performances from countries including India and Korea.

Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$7 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets may be purchased at the Student Services Center on the first floor of the Administration Building.

For more information about the dinner, contact Nancy Hardee at 562-1373.

Academic Computing offers competition for newest Northwest User's Guide

Northwest's Office of Academic Computing, the art department and the Office of University Relations is sponsoring an art contest for the front cover of the printed User's Guide.

The cover must be technology-related with an emphasis on Northwest's commitment to quality. The submissions should be submitted by Friday, April 2, to the Academic Computing Office in Owens Library.

The winner will be announced Monday, April 19, and will receive a 128 USB Pen (Flash) drive and two copies of the finished User's Guide for her or his portfolio.

The contest is open to all students. For more information about the contest, contact Kim Todd at 562-1234.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Preliminary hearing scheduled for local teacher

A preliminary hearing will take place at 11:30 a.m. March 25 for a former Maryville High School teacher charged with statutory rape.

Vicki Auxier, 47, Maryville, will appear before Associate Judge Glen Dietrich for a preliminary hearing. Auxier appeared in court Tuesday with her lawyer, Bob Sundell, where she waived a formal arraignment. Buchanan County Prosecuting Attorney Dwight Scroggins is serving as Special Appointed Prosecutor in the case.

Auxier was charged March 1 with statutory rape in the second degree, a class C felony. Charges stem from an alleged inappropriate relationship Auxier had with a male student, then 16. Probable cause statements by investigators indicate that the student admitted to having sexual intercourse with Auxier during summer 2003.

Student charged in thefts issued court continuance

Andrea Hansen, a Northwest student charged with felony stealing by deceit in the case of an alleged Wal-Mart theft ring, was granted a continuance Wednesday by Associate Judge Glen Dietrich. Hansen will now appear in court at 2:30 p.m. April 14 in the Nodaway County Courthouse Annex.

Charges against Hansen and five others result from an investigation by Public Safety, in which it was revealed that the group allegedly stole between \$25,000 and \$50,000 in merchandise from the Maryville Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Maryville woman pleads guilty to manufacturing meth

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Maryville, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to her involvement in a methamphetamine conspiracy. The indictment, Graves said, is the result of work completed by the NITRO Task Force.

Billie J. Clements, 23, of Maryville, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Orrie D. Smith Monday to conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine.

By pleading guilty, Clements admitted that she conspired with others to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Sept. 1, 2001, and Sept. 16, 2003, in Nodaway and Andrew counties, Mo.

Clements was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 26, 2003, in Kansas City.

Under federal law, Graves said, Clements may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. Her sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Nodaway County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Andrew County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the NITRO Task Force. NITRO is the Northwest Missouri Interagency Team Response Operation, a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county region.

Maryville Optimist Club to sponsor youth event

The Optimist Club of Maryville and the Maryville Public Library would like to invite 4th and 5th graders and their parents to attend an afternoon of fun activities centered around the topic of building character. This event will take place on Saturday, March 13, from 1

p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the basement of the Maryville Public Library. This fun-filled event will feature storytelling, a puppet show, free books and pictures with Bobby Bearcat and Spooey. If you have any questions, or for more information call Terri at 660-562-1139 or Marsha at 660-562-1039.

TCE tax assistance offered to local senior citizens

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax assistance to older individuals in the community. Trained volunteers from Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will help persons age 60 and older in preparing their income tax returns. For more information, please call 562-3999.

Registration now open for Abbey Trails run/walk

The 9th Annual Abbey Trails 5K run and two-mile walk will be held at 9 a.m. April 24 at Conception Abbey in Conception, Mo. The benefit will raise money for the Conception Seminary College Wellness Program.

The 5K race course will take runners out and back on a scenic paved road. Participants in the two-mile walk will estimate the time it will take them to complete the course of lakefront trails on the Abbey grounds. The person who finishes closest to his or her estimated time is the winner. Anyone wearing a watch will be disqualified.

The entry fee for early registration (by April 15) is \$15. Registration the day of the event costs \$20. All participants receive a T-shirt, brunch after the race and a tour of Conception Abbey, including the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Lunch for non-participants costs \$5. Race day registration and packets will be available at the new Welcome Center from 7 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. the day of the race.

In both races, awards will be given for first, second and third place, male and female, in the following categories: 13 and under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70 and over. The top

overall male and female finishers will also receive awards. Showers are available in the JFK Recreation Center and limited overnight accommodations are available Friday and Saturday night at the Abbey Center for Prayer and Ministry.

For more information on Abbey Trails, contact Dan Madden, Director of Communications, at (660) 944-2823.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb. 24

■ Colby D. Roup, 20, Maryville, was issued a summons for misrepresentation of age.

Feb. 25

■ Carson T. McGhee, 18, Maryville, was issued summonses for possession of 35 grams or less Marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Feb. 26

■ Kelley S. Fones, 33, Barnard, was arrested and issued a summons for larceny/theft.

■ Colby D. Roup, 20, Maryville, was arrested and issued summonses for minor in possession and open container in a vehicle.

March 3

■ Nathan L. Hudson, 21, Maryville, and James D. White, 23, Maryville, were arrested by Public Safety officers. Hudson was issued a summons for possession of 35 grams or less marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while revoked and careless and imprudent driving. White was issued a summons for failure to comply with a Public Safety Officer.

March 4

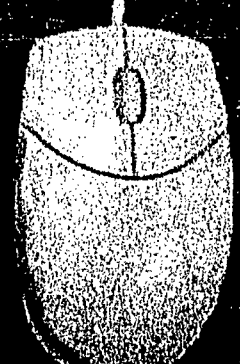
■ Cash was reported stolen from the 100 block of North Main.

■ Amy C. Wooten, 31, Maryville, was arrested by Public Safety officers and issued a summons for assault in the 3rd degree.

March 6

■ Jamaica R. Rector, 22, was issued a summons for driving while intoxicated and improper lane usage.

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Safe Ride Home receives warm welcome

were sober and were looking for a ride home, Green said.

"If you're a young lady and you don't feel comfortable, we can give them a safe ride," he said. "We hope it reduces sexual assaults."

The cost for the car, gasoline, advertising and other expenses currently costs the University \$3,000 total for the pilot program.

But that money is well-spent, according to Kent Porterfield, vice president of Student Affairs.

"So far, (Safe Ride) has not been cost-prohibiting," he said. "We're making an investment. If we're getting 30 students home safe, it's worth it."

Getting financial support and University backing was preventing Safe Ride from taking off, Rivera said.

"All the feedback from passengers or people I've talked to think it's a good idea and that it's well overdue," he said.

Rivera, along with five other students, make up the driving team. And accord-

ing to freshman driver Matt Ahal, it was something he wanted to do.

"I heard about other programs like this at other universities and it's great to be a part of it," he said.

Ahal, who is petitioning to Green about getting another car for the fall trimester, said he has met people who needed his help.

"I met some interesting people and if we didn't pick them up, I don't know what would have happened to them," he said. "There were plenty of people that needed our help."

With festivities anticipated for St. Patrick's Day Wednesday, Safe Ride will be out from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. to give students a ride home.

If student involvement in Safe Ride remains high, Green is confident it will be approved by the President's Cabinet.

"If the numbers stay where they are, we're going to send an actual report to the Cabinet and hopefully it will be approved," he said.

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Campbell speaks on politics, gender

As Prime Minister, she faced troubled economic and political times and her party was soon voted out of office. One of the reasons she was elected in the first place, however, was because she was different from the Prime Minister before her.

"I didn't look like the Prime Minister before me and I didn't sound like him," Campbell said. "Many people were unwilling to accept something so different in the position of Prime Minister."

After leaving politics in 1993, Campbell wrote bestselling memoirs about her experiences and started lecturing on gender literacy and gender schemas.

Gender schemas, Campbell described, are blueprints for how human beings treat each other. They are formed by cultures and mandate certain tasks as being women's work or men's work. In western cultures they associate men with individuality and strength and women with community and emotion. These stereotypes differ from culture to culture and change

with time.

"If you take a baby out wrapped in a yellow blanket, the first thing people will ask is if it is a girl or a boy," Campbell said. "People don't know how to talk to babies if they don't know the gender."

This attitude is changing though. With the help of the media, a new generation of men are coming to power that give women opportunities to excel.

"I stand before you today wearing pants," Campbell said as she stepped away from the podium to show off her black pants. "When I was a freshman at the university, we wore skirts to class, but now pants have no gender."

Campbell encouraged women who want to excel in politics not to start with a political party but to become respected enough to draw the parties to them, which is what she did.

"It is wonderful to know that something you have done will show what is possible to others," Campbell said.

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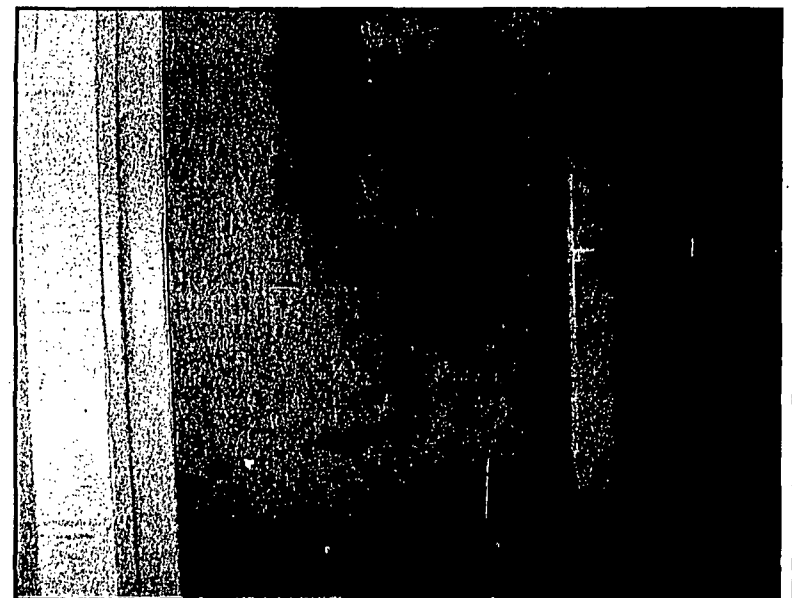


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A member of MOMIX performs an act entitled "But Not Asleep." The gymnast used a hammock held by bungee cords to assist her in an aerial acrobatic show. The group performed Tuesday night at the Mary Linn Auditorium.

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Lobbyists attend Legislative Day to discuss merger

"In developing this request, we have all had to assume that all parties to the merger are dealing in good faith," Stadlman said. "Obviously, if we wanted to assume that the other side is devious then there is no limit on what could wrong in a situation like this."

Although no groups spoke against the merger two of the committee's members questioned those who offered testimony on the benefits of enacting a "University of Missouri-Northwest."

Among questions asked were those from Kinder.

"What will be the economic impact of the merger?" Kinder said. "Are you going to be able to save money, is it going to cost money for the state of Missouri as a whole?"

Floyd told the committee that the merger would be "budget neutral." He estimates project savings of \$1.1 million to \$1.5 million over the next five years.

"Those savings will occur over time, they will not occur immediately," Floyd said.

Kinder also questioned whether or not the Maryville community supported the merger.

"I guess what some of us from distant parts of the state are waiting for is for the firm, resolute case to be made," Kinder said. "Where is the endorsement from the Chamber of Commerce in Maryville, just to take as an example, or the City Council of Maryville?"

He said knowing the community's sentiment on the merger would give state senators and representatives an indication since many of them do not visit Maryville often.

Floyd said that both institutions would heed Kinder's advice and get the endorsement of Maryville's Chamber of Commerce and City Council.

Kinder also wanted to know why one member of Northwest's Board of Re-

presentatives of the Northwest administration to visit with him in his office.

"This proposal popped up approximately a year ago and no representative of the administration of Northwest Missouri State has been in my office and I have never heard from Dr. Hubbard," Kinder said. "The need to effect a change on this order of magnitude, I simply am wondering when they are going to come to the leadership of the House and Senate and make their case because, up to this point we're lacking in information."

State Rep. Brad Lager said Tuesday to students, faculty and administrators that he would spend the next two weeks before March 29 gathering feedback from students, faculty and support staff, and then from Northwest community members through town hall and civic group meetings.

The first of these meetings will begin March 12, when Lager will meet with Northwest's support staff. He then plans to meet with students March 18. Lager said after March 29, he plans to file a bill in the state house and ask for it to be referred to a committee for community testimony to begin on it.

With the Northwest merger proposal, Lager said he sees the benefits of the merger, but wants a clearer plan.

"I am committed to working through all the unknowns," Lager said.

He said he wants to provide answers to tuition concerns and enrollment standards. He wants to provide the University and northwest Missouri communities, as well as his colleagues in Jefferson City with more concrete information.

"My goal is to ensure that students have the ability to go to Northwest and afford it," Lager said.

He said he wants to provide answers to tuition concerns and enrollment standards. He wants to provide the University and northwest Missouri communities, as well as his colleagues in Jefferson City with more concrete information.

"I just seems to me that you're a long way from having made the sale," Kinder said.

Kinder said he is waiting for repre-

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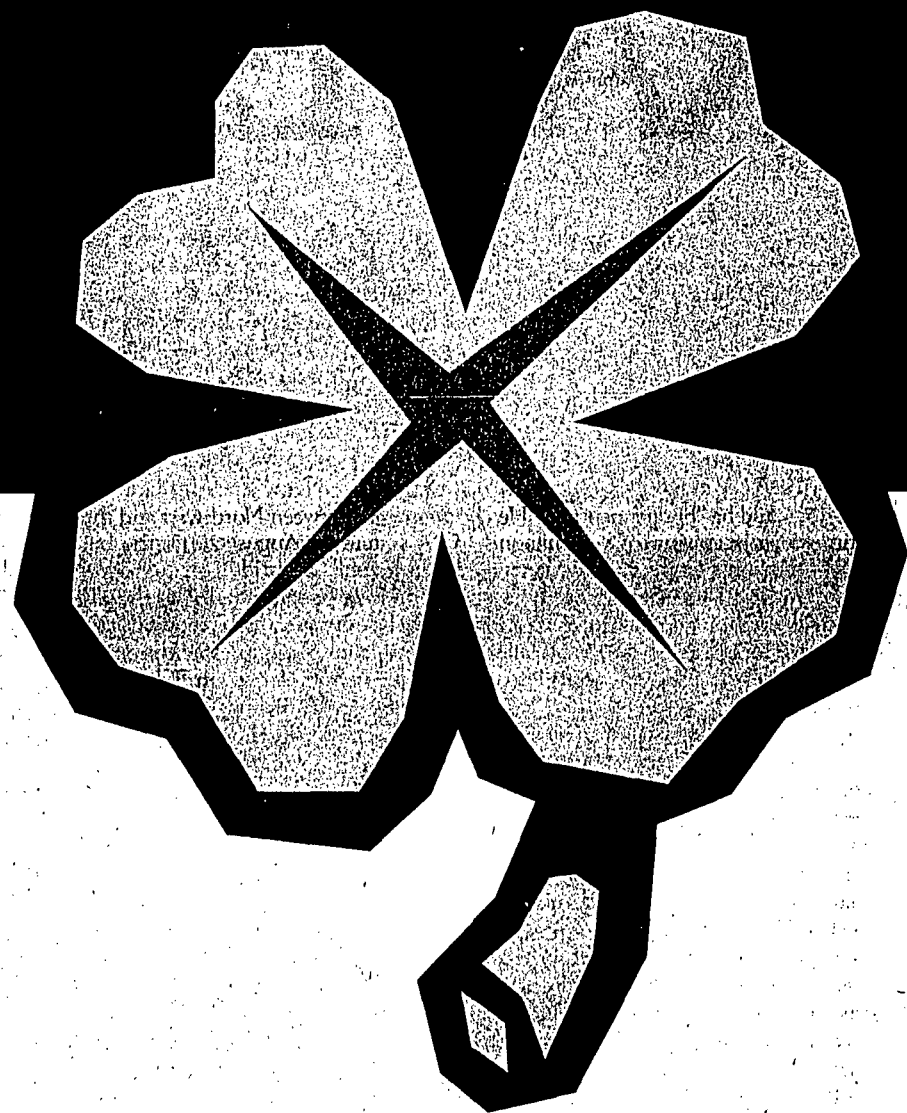
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THE GRAVE

By BETSY LEE
FEATURES EDITOR

What happens to the soul after death has been debated by philosophers and theologians since the beginning of time, but what happens to the body is purely a matter of choice.

Humans have been burying their dead since 60,000 B.C. Today, more than 75 percent of Americans are buried. The process leading up to the burial is an intricate one, which varies depending upon preference.

The first step in the burial process is the removal of the remains. A funeral home, selected by the individual or family, is called to pick up remains from the hospital, nursing home facility or residence.

According to Jim Schooler, funeral director at the Schooler Funeral Home of Fairfax, Mo., a residential death requires the services of a coroner before a body can be removed.

"The coroner's job is to go the scene and make sure that everything is okay," Schooler said. "If they are satisfied, they release the body to the funeral home."

Next, the body is thoroughly cleaned, a process that can take varying lengths of time. Schooler said this process includes posing the features of the deceased.

"We close their mouths and eyes," Schooler said. "Then we make sure the face looks as natural as possible."

Following the cleaning, the body is embalmed. The embalming process is required by Missouri

state law if the family wants an open casket or if the individual died of a communicable disease.

A body must be buried within 24 hours if not embalmed. Embalming involves replacing bodily fluids with preservatives like formaldehyde and other additives. Schooler said dyes are sometimes included for a more lifelike appearance in the deceased.

Richard Dowden, funeral director at the Price Funeral Home of Maryville, Mo., said the preservatives are pumped in through the arterial system and the blood is removed through the venal system.

"I think some people have the wrong idea about the embalming process," Dowden said. "They think it's a grotesque process, but it's a surgical process."

Dowden said the embalming takes one to one-and-a-half hours. The blood and other bodily fluids are flushed down the normal sewer system. Schooler said if a body is embalmed properly it can be held for two to three weeks.

"When we couldn't find a next of kin, we've held a body for 12 to 14 days," Schooler said.

Restoration, however, can take all day. Dowden said that restoration includes rebuilding bone structure or suturing in the event of an accident or violent death. Restoration is performed if the family prefers that facial or bodily features be reformed.

"We use wax and sometimes a lot of cosmetics to cover up an injury," Dowden said.

Next, the funeral directors dress the body, usually in clothing selected by the family. According to Dowden, the dressing includes undergarments.

A beautician on staff is hired by the Price Funeral Home to do the deceased's hair and makeup.

"If a woman wears rouge, we ask the family to bring in her colors," Dowden said. "We can put on rings, watches or bracelets. If the family wants it back we can remove it later."

The body is then placed in the casket. According to Dowden, families must select an outer burial container and a casket. The outer burial container protects the casket, keeping air and water out.

Often, according to Dowden and Schooler, family members include personal items in the casket or outer burial container. Schooler said the practice, which has become more prevalent over the past few years, is part of the closure process.

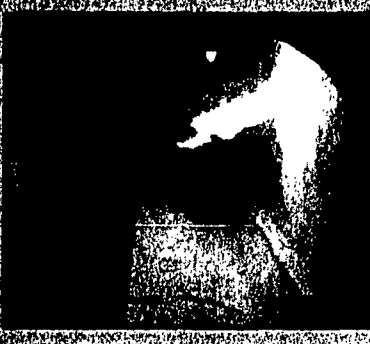
"We've buried six packs of beer, tobacco and pipes. We've buried people in their favorite caps or hats," Schooler said. "You pretty well name it, we've buried it."

Regardless of the type of funeral selected by the family, a funeral home director serves as a caretaker during the body's final days above ground.

Each body is handled with dignity and respect, according to both Schooler and Dowden. Schooler said that the job requires equal amounts of emotion and impartiality, a balance that is perfected over time.

"You have to maintain a certain objectivity. It's a fine line because you have to empathize with the family, but you can't let your emotions control you," Schooler said. "If you don't maintain objectivity, you can't do your job. But if you are detached, you can't support the family."

Ashes to Ashes



Though traditional burial remains the most common method of handling human remains, cremation is a more affordable option that is quickly gaining popularity.

According to the Cremation Association of North America, cremation is currently being chosen in one of four deaths. The association projects in 2010 that cremation will be chosen in 40 percent of deaths.

Neil Galbraith, vice president of the New Salem Funeral Home and Cemetery of Independence, Mo., said he believes education has a great deal to

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When preparing for cremation, the body is initially heated to approximately 1450 degrees.

With the increase in cremations, people have learned that it doesn't make any difference how we dispose of the remains as long as it is done with dignity and service, Galbraith said.

Galbraith estimates that his funeral home performs 35 to 40 cremations each year. Cremation procedure begins similarly to a traditional burial. The body is picked up by the local funeral home and transported back to the crematory. Two to three days later the body will be cremated. By state law, the cremation must wait until a doctor has signed the death certificate. In addition, a family member must come to the crematorium to authorize the cremation.



Once a body is completely in the furnace, the heat is increased to at least 2,500 degrees. The body burns from the outside in.

"We only begin when we have those documents in our hands and we feel comfortable with the people who have signed them," Galbraith said. "We can't just have a neighbor come in and vouch that the person wanted to be cremated. It has to be the next of kin."

When the cremation begins the furnace is heated to around 1,450 degrees Fahrenheit. The furnace cannot be too hot or the casket will be set on fire before it is completely sealed within the furnace.

After the casket is fully inside the furnace, the temperature is elevated to anywhere between 2,500 and 3,000 degrees. According to Galbraith, the average 100-pound person takes about an hour to be fully cremated. Those being cremated do not, as myth suggests, "sit up" in the coffin due to the burning process.

Galbraith said some personal items like teddy bears or roses can be burnt with the deceased. Other items like wedding rings are removed prior to cremation.

"We usually put the wedding ring aside and then add it to the ashes," Galbraith said.

The furnace itself is designed like a funnel. All of the ashes fall down into a tray. After the burning process is complete, the furnace is squeezed clean. According to www.cremation.com, the cremation of a man results in an average of 4 lbs. of ash, while the cremation of a woman only results in 3.5 lbs. of ash. The cremated remains are called "ashes."

Although families are not allowed to be present at the cremation, the spreading of the ashes is a way that families can personalize their loved one's memorial service.

"One of the most interesting places I've heard of spreading ashes is to put them on a missile and send them into space," Galbraith said.

Galbraith said many families choose to keep the ashes of their loved ones.

"I have had quite a few wives keep their husbands' remains and then when they die, they combine them into one urn and bury them together," he said.

Galbraith said the funeral homes services can be exactly the same as a more traditional burial. Families can have a service with a body present or without. The cost of a cremation, according to Galbraith, is significantly less than a traditional funeral. The average funeral costs approximately \$5,000 while the average cremation costs \$1,000.



Urn like this one usually enclose the ashes of the deceased. Urns can vary in price from \$100 to \$800.

No matter what the family chooses, Galbraith said cremation can be a very positive experience.

"It's a very personal thing regardless of what you choose," Galbraith said. "We work hard to make sure everyone is comfortable with the process. We know that each and every loved one is unique and every loved one is different."

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'CATS NAME
NEW COACH

The Northwest football team has announced the hiring of Adam Dorrel as their new offensive line coach.

Dorrel played for the Bearcats from 1994 through 1997.

Previously, he has been an offensive line coach and offensive coordinator at Dakota State University.

Most recently he served as the offensive line coach and offensive coordinator at William Jewell College. There he led the offensive unit to being ranked in the top 10 in the nation in rushing yardage the last two seasons.

Currently there is another position for the defensive line/strength and conditioning coach. Head coach Mel Tjeerdma said he hopes to have the position filled in the next few weeks.

ALL-REGION
HONOR BESTOWED

Senior guard Kelvin Parker has been named to the Daktronics All-South Central Region team.

The team is selected from players in the MIAA, Heartland South and Lone Star Conferences.

By being named to the All-Region first-team, he is eligible to be selected for the All-American team.

The one other member of the team from the MIAA is Pittsburg State's Jamey Richardson.

BASKETBALL
PREVIEWS

Northwest Men

vs.
Eastern New Mexico

When: Saturday, Noon.

Where: Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

Last time: The Bearcats came away with a 90-82 win over the Greyhounds when the two teams squared off in the Ryland Milner Classic.

Austin Meyer led the Bearcats with 26 points while Kelvin Parker tossed in 22 points and six assists.



Parker

Why does it matter? There is nothing more important this season than this game.

Simple as that. Whoever loses this game checks in uniforms while the winner lives to see another day in the tournament.

Northwest Women

vs.
Washburn

Where: Drury University, Springfield, Mo.

When: Friday, 8 p.m.

Last time: Northwest beat the Lady Blues the last time the two teams faced off but these squads are about as even as they get.

Sarah Vollertsen led the Bearcats with 20 points and 10 rebounds in last Saturday's 76-68 win in the semifinals of the MIAA Tournament.



Vollertsen

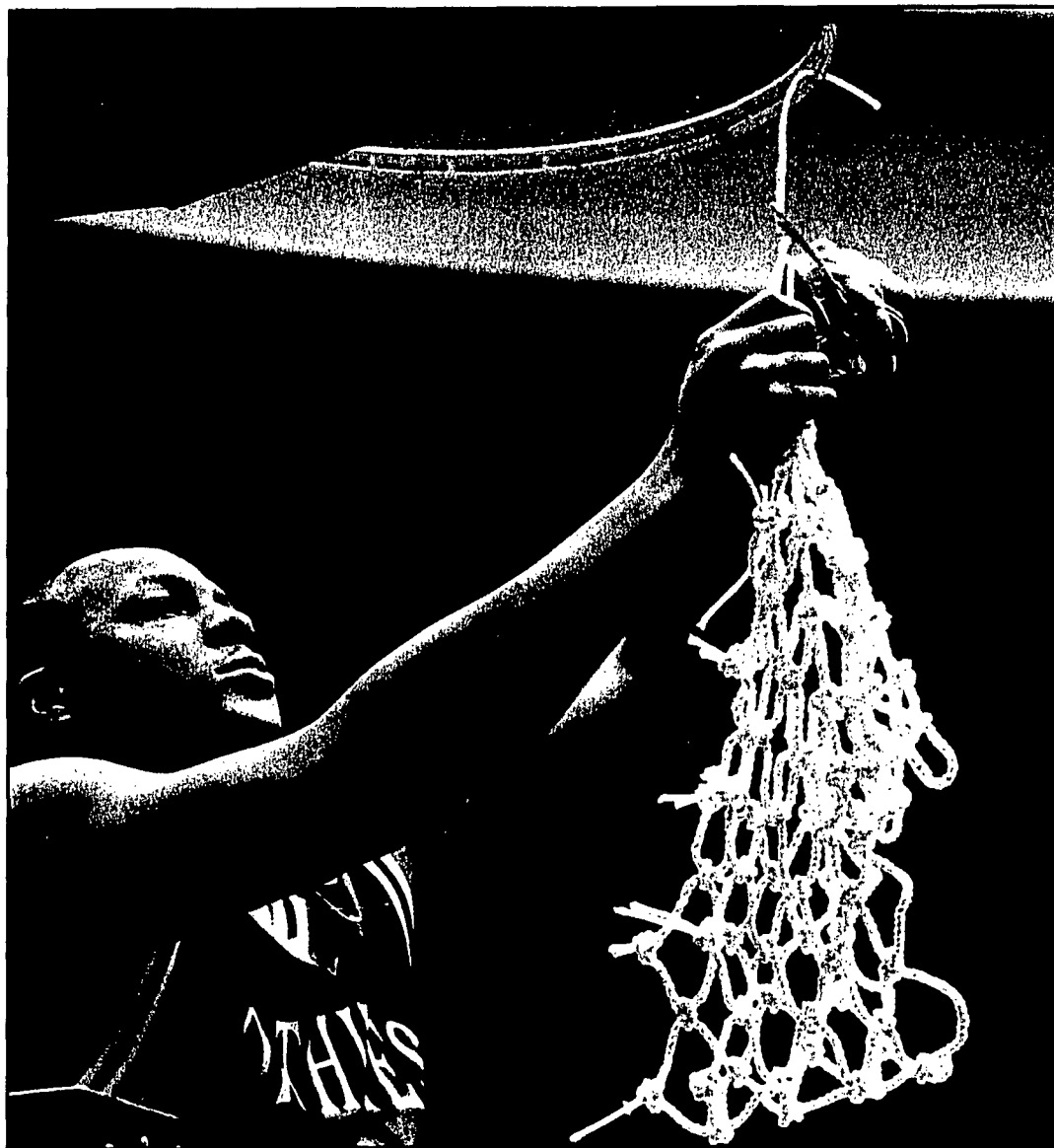
Why does it matter? The season's over with a lost. However, if they win, they could play Missouri Western again if the No. 8 seed Griffons upset No. 1 Drury.

SPOOFHOUND
SUMMARIES

Maryville Boys 38 vs. Lafayette County 31

Josh Wilmes scores 19 points and picks up 17 rebounds to help the 'Hounds move on.

TWICE AS NICE



Junior forward Byron Jackson cuts the last string of the net after the Bearcats' win over Washburn on Saturday. The Bearcats earned the third-seed in the South Central Region tournament this weekend.



Seniors Katie Scherer and Sarah Vollertsen exchange a hug following their win in the MIAA title game on Sunday. Vollertsen was named to the All-Tournament team in addition to being named the tourney's MVP.

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Bearcats get past double-digit deficit

By COLEYOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

All season, the Northwest men's and women's basketball teams have mirrored each other in play. First they held leads in the MIAA regular season. Next, they entered the MIAA Tournament as the third-seeded teams.

So when the men trailed by 11 with 12:14 to go in Sunday's MIAA Tournament Championship, it began to seem like the men would not be able to mirror what the women had done just hours earlier.

Then came along freshman forward Victor James.

"I think he played all right," head coach Steve Tappmeyer joked of James' play. "We feel good whenever he gets open shots."

James scored the next five points for the

Bearcats to close the gap to six with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

The freshman finished the game with 13 points on the way to their 78-71 win.

The Ichabods jumped out to an early lead, but the Bearcats were able to close the gap to 36-34 at the break.

Washburn out-shot the Bearcats 46 percent to 37 percent in the first half.

"We played one of the best teams around," Tappmeyer said. "We had to play one of our best games to beat them."

Senior Kelvin Parker was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Parker averaged 16 points per game in the tournament.

"A lot of times when you (have) players get all the awards Kelvin has, you want to turn your

(Please see "Bearcats" page 2B)

Women earn first tourney title

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Emporia State had the Lady Bearcats' number. The two times they met earlier in the season, the Hornets had beaten them by an average of 18 points.

On Sunday Northwest returned the favor.

For the first time in Lady Bearcat history, they won the MIAA tournament 76-62 over Emporia on Sunday afternoon in Kansas City.

"The guys' team on the bus on the way home from the Rolla game or was saying, 'you guys played scared against Emporia, you played scared,'" said Sarah Vollertsen, the MIAA All-Tournament MVP. "That's not us, that's not what we wanted to bring to the floor tonight and we didn't. So I've got to

think that's the biggest difference; we came into games against Emporia and Washburn feeling intimidated and we weren't going to do that anymore. So I think that's the biggest difference, we came in with a lot of confidence."

Northwest started the game with an 8-0 run to set the pace for the game. Emporia battled back to cut it to one at the half, 25-24. But Northwest came out of the locker room with a 12-1 run to silence any possibilities of an Emporia comeback.

"It's funny; you get into a tournament like this and games vary each other," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "We got hot at the right time; when I say hot, I don't mean shooting hot, I just mean our team's playing well together."

(Please see "Women" page 2B)

'Hounds use Wilmes' double-double to advance to quarterfinals

By ANTHONY STEINS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Josh Wilmes wasn't the only Maryville Spoofhound on the court Wednesday night, but it sure seemed like he was.

Wilmes accounted for half of Maryville's 38 points, leading them to a 38-31 victory over the Lafayette County Huskers.

"I thought our defense played an excellent game," Wilmes said. "Defense wins championships. Offense sells tickets, but defense wins trophies."

Wilmes' defense also led Maryville. He recorded four blocks and pulled in 17 rebounds.

Both teams started out flat but Maryville was able to lead 9-4 going into the second frame.

The 'Hounds began to cause problems for the Huskers, going on a 14-0 run throughout the first two quarters to gain a 13 point lead halfway through

the second quarter.

"We wanted to be patient on offense and play great defense," head coach Mike Kuwritzky said.

Clinging to a seven-point lead in the fourth quarter, Maryville resorted to a slower-paced offense, sucking down the clock and forcing the Huskers to foul.

Part of Maryville getting the lead was slowing down Higginsville standout Davey Krause.

"We played great defense but we had to contain Krause, which I thought we did a good job of," Kuwritzky said.

Despite that, the head coach saw one area for improvement.

"We had some spurts where we weren't patient on offense," Kuwritzky said.

Wilmes led all Maryville scorers with 19 points. Taylor McClellan tossed in eight for the 'Hounds in the win.

The win improved Maryville 23-6 and dropped the Huskers to 24-5.

With the victory, Maryville moves on to play Hogan Prep in the quarterfinals on Saturday at the CMSU Multi-Purpose Building. Tip-off is set for 2:45 p.m.

'Cats come back twice, sweep undefeated Vikings

By ANDY TIMKO
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Cool temperatures, an overcast sky and gusty winds welcomed back the Bearcat baseball players for their first home games of the year.

The 'Cats swept the double-header against previously undefeated Grand View College Vikings, winning 11-8 and 7-3.

"It's sure nice to come home and play in a park you know," head coach Darin Loe said. "We had a good turnout today and it was nice in our situation to have the last at bat because we haven't had that for a while."

The Vikings jumped ahead early in both games, leaving the 'Cats stunned and in a hole.

"We've been patient and getting a lot of walks, I just wish we wouldn't get ourselves in too deep of a hole," Loe said. "I think it's an aggression thing the first three innings, the first time through the order. Hitting is contagious and hopefully we can remember how we hit late in both games today."

The 'Cats came back from six runs down in the first game to win and Matt Coons pitched a scoreless inning to earn his fifth save of the season.

In game two, the 'Cats rallied in the fifth and sixth innings by taking advantage of a couple walks and two crucial errors that cost the Vikings the game.

David Dugan scored the winning

run in the sixth inning on a passed ball. The 'Cats added three more runs in the sixth, two off an Andrew Donavon triple that bounced off the center field fence.

"We took advantage of the base runners that they gave us," Loe said. "They kicked it around a little bit, they gave us some walks, a couple hit by pitch. Now we have to start manufacturing our own runs and really making them pay instead of scratching out a win here and there."

The 'Cats head on the road again for Saturday's game against the University of Nebraska-Omaha at noon. The 'Cats will then play UNO again at noon Sunday at Bearcat Field to start off a three-game homestand.



Northwest pitcher Brian Ruud delivers a pitch during the Bearcats' home opener Wednesday. Northwest defeated Grand View College 11-8 and 7-3.

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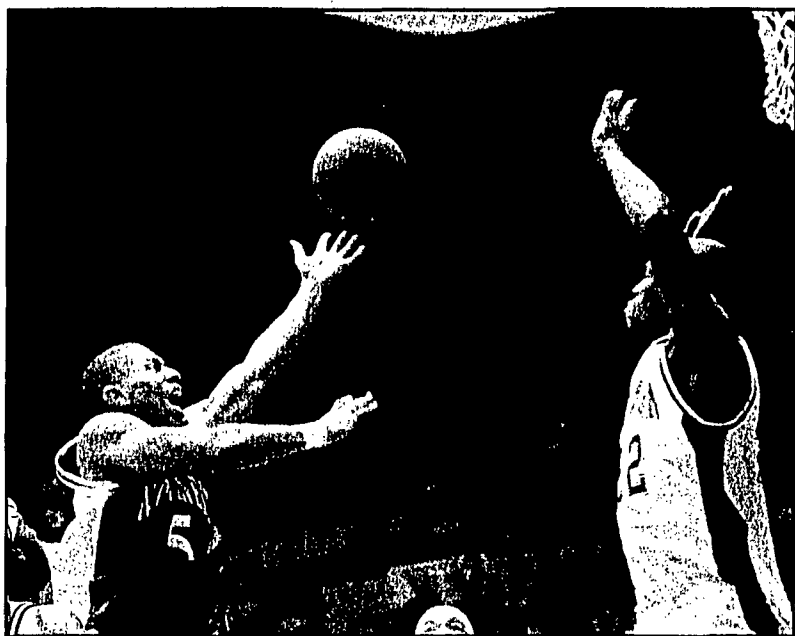


PHOTO BY COLEYOUNG/SPORTS EDITOR
Senior guard Kelvin Parker drives to the basket Sunday afternoon against Washburn. Parker was named the MVP of the tournament, averaging 16 points per contest.

Bearcats to face Greyhounds in first round of March Madness

By BILL KNUST
SENIOR REPORTER

While some might view an early-season victory over Eastern New Mexico State University as an advantage in the men's basketball team's matchup Saturday, men's head coach Steve Tappmeyer has a different outlook on the game.

"I don't think it is any advantage at all," Tappmeyer said. "I think most people would give the advantage to the away team due to the revenge factor and the fact they came in here and took us to the wire in front of 2,500 of our fans."

In a game that featured seven ties and lead changes, Northwest outlasted Eastern New Mexico in the second game of the season. A game that happened to be for the championship of the Ryland

Milner Tournament.

The two teams will meet again Saturday in Stephenville, Texas at noon.

The Bearcats will feature the same lineup they used in the earlier matchup, but the Greyhounds have added a player to the lineup. Travazz Buckley joined the Greyhounds at semester and along with their regular lineup "will be a handful" for the Bearcats, Tappmeyer said.

The Greyhounds had six players score in double figures the last time they met Northwest. Eastern New Mexico led the Bearcats at the half 41-39 before being outscored by 10 points in the second half. While the Greyhounds had six players in double figures, Northwest had four players score in double figures including sophomore forward Austin Meyer, who led the team with 26 points.

Northwest will need to continue to be physical in the paint and take care of the ball in the backcourt to be successful on Saturday, Tappmeyer said.

"We've got to be able to rebound and get our post players around the basket to do all the physical things," Tappmeyer said. "And we've got to hit shots. Some games during the year you can go out and do those things and maybe have a poor shooting night and still survive. You have to put it all together in national tournament time."

The head coach thinks his team is peaking at the right time.

"I think this weekend we played awfully well," Tappmeyer said. "And we gave them a couple days off here early this week. A part of me wanted to give them just one day off and get practicing again, but I told our team we are going to take two back-

to-back days off and heal up some injuries and get some fresh legs."

Fresh legs and full health will be of the utmost importance when it comes to advancing out of the South Central Regional. Two of the eight teams in the region have been ranked No. 1 in the country at some point this year.

Northwest was ranked No. 1 in the country for one week and regional host Tarleton State University also spent time at the top spot after Washburn University knocked-off Northwest earlier in the year.

"It's going to really be a bear (to win the region)," Tappmeyer said. "I don't necessarily know if the national champion is going to come out of this region again, but as far as one through eight, you have to look at the teams and say, 'Wow, what a region.'"

MIAA foes square off in regional tournament

By COLEYOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

It seems both times the Northwest women have defeated Washburn, it has been the team's biggest win of the year.

However, a win on Friday in the South Central Regional Tournament would stand in a league of its own.

Northwest travels to Springfield this weekend to take on Washburn for the fourth time, the second matchup in less than a week.

Last Saturday the Bearcats came away with a 76-68 win, but head coach Gene Steinmeyer said the Bearcats can still play better than they did last weekend.

"Even watching film on

Washburn, I think we can play better defense," Steinmeyer said.

That's saying a lot, considering the Bearcats held Washburn to 23 percent from the field in the second half. On the year, they have shot 45 percent from the field.

While the Bearcats had an obvious mental advantage against Washburn last time, keeping the mental edge over opponents is what worries Steinmeyer.

"It isn't the physical aspect I'm worried about with our team," Steinmeyer said. "They need to find a way to keep playing with a chip on our shoulders. I don't know how we do that, but we have to find a way and I think it starts with our captains."

One captain, center Sarah Vollertsen, could play a huge role

in the success against Washburn.

The MIAA Tournament's Most Valuable Player has seen double-team defense each of the three times the two squads have faced off.

Vollertsen has seen double-teams from every direction, providing Steinmeyer with his next question, that of where they'll come from next.

Nevertheless, with two players on her, Vollertsen is going to be looked to for her scoring.

"She has been the deciding factor in our games," Steinmeyer said. "You can't just have her pass the ball out whenever she gets double teamed."

Three years ago Northwest fans could never have imagined that the women's basketball team would be

preparing to face off against Washburn for a fourth time in one season.

Yet, according to Steinmeyer, the team is right on track with his goals.

"Our first goal was to get to the top four in the conference, which we did last year," Steinmeyer said. "The next goal was to get into the national top 25, which we did earlier this year."

Winning last weekend's tournament was the next step on Steinmeyer's list, though he wasn't sure he would complete that this year.

"I guess now we just go as high as we can go," he said.

The Bearcats and Lady Blues tipoff at 8 p.m. on Friday night at Drury University.

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Bearcats overcome double-digit deficit in win

head," Tappmeyer said. "Kelvin hasn't let the awards get to his head."

James echoed Tappmeyer's sentiments about Parker.

"When he got the MVP award, he didn't want to go out there without his teammates," James said.

After Parker was announced as the tournament's MVP, he waved for his teammates to join him at center court.

But the rest of the team waited a moment, allowing Parker to receive the recognition they felt he deserved.

The win locked up a berth in the South Central Regional Tournament this coming weekend.

Northwest will face off against Eastern New Mexico, who the Bearcats defeated earlier in the season 90-82, on Saturday at noon.

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Women get first-ever title in MIAA tourney

Vollertsen said that she thought the team was overlooked.

"I don't think anybody thought we were going to come in here and win, let alone win by 14 and lead the entire game," she said. "It's just been really overwhelming and hopefully people aren't going to look past us anymore."

All five starters scored in double digits. Jane Chalmers led the Bearcats with 20 points. Vollertsen added 17 points and Ashley Poptanycz led the team in rebounds with 13 boards.

Chalmers said that she never quit play-

ing for a second, because she always knew they could come back.

Though Steinmeyer said he didn't feel like the Lady Bearcats were a Cinderella team, he did believe they weren't given much of a chance to win.

"We've heard a few comments around where people didn't think we were listening and they thought this was a sham," he said. "(They thought) we didn't belong here and this was going to be someone else's time and we weren't going to be sitting here. We heard a few comments and we took that to heart. I know I did."

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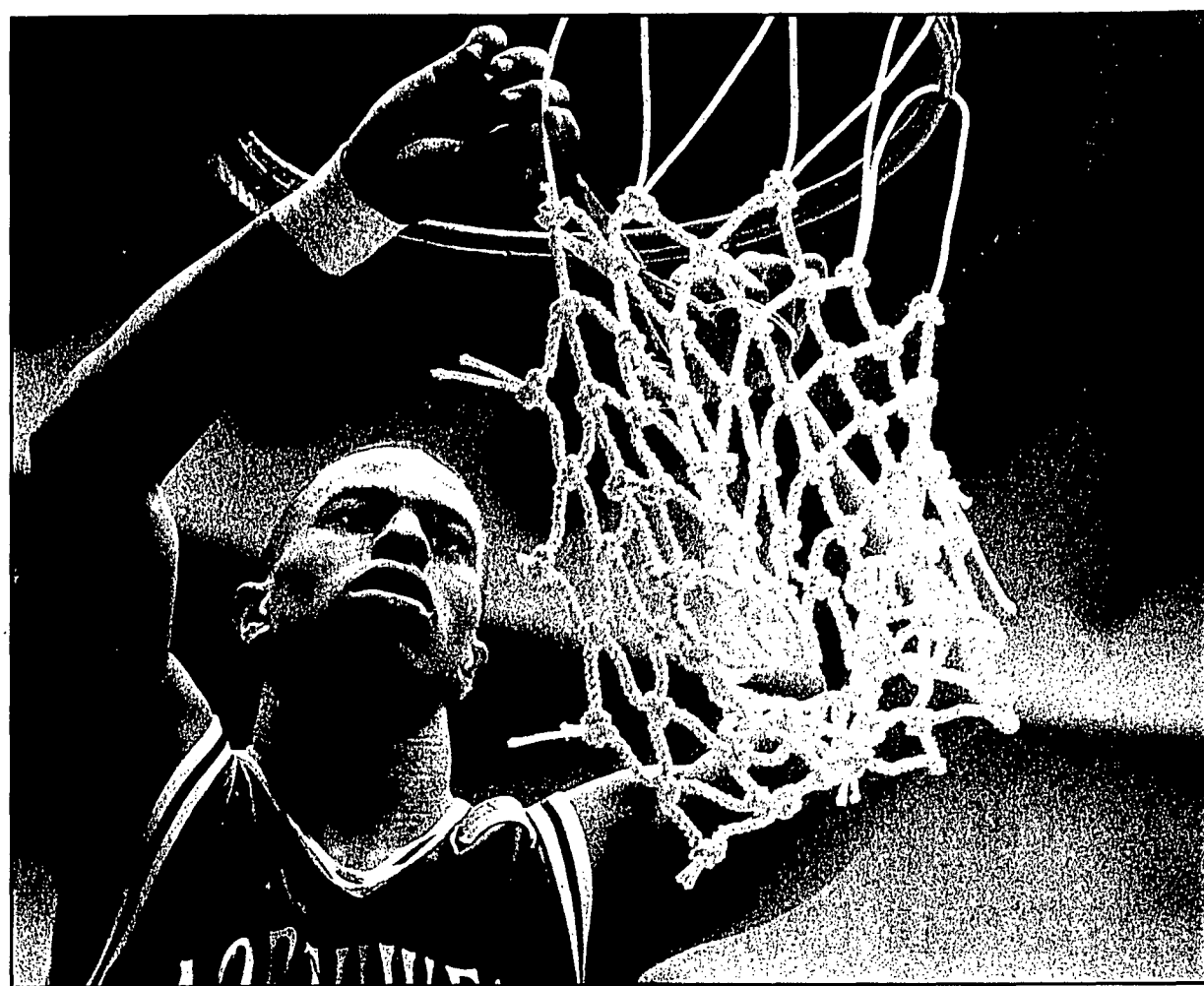
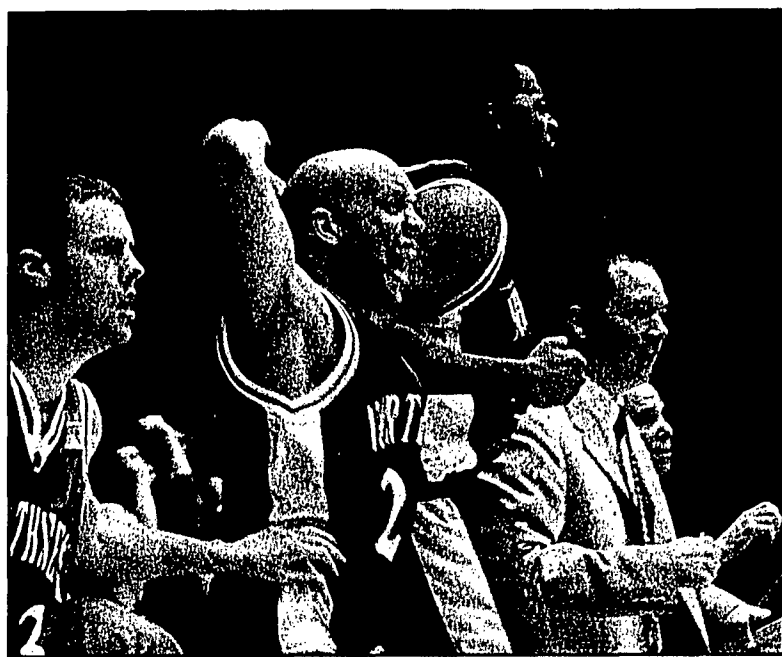
Victor James came
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the 'Cats a much
needed 18 points
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Bearcats take MIAA
by storm, pull off
first sweep since
1995 tournament

Right: Members of the men's basketball team celebrate a Washburn turnover late in the title game of the MIAA Tournament last weekend.



Above: Senior Kelvin Parker takes his turn at cutting down the net following the men's win last Sunday. Parker was named the Tournament's MVP.

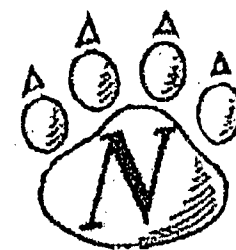
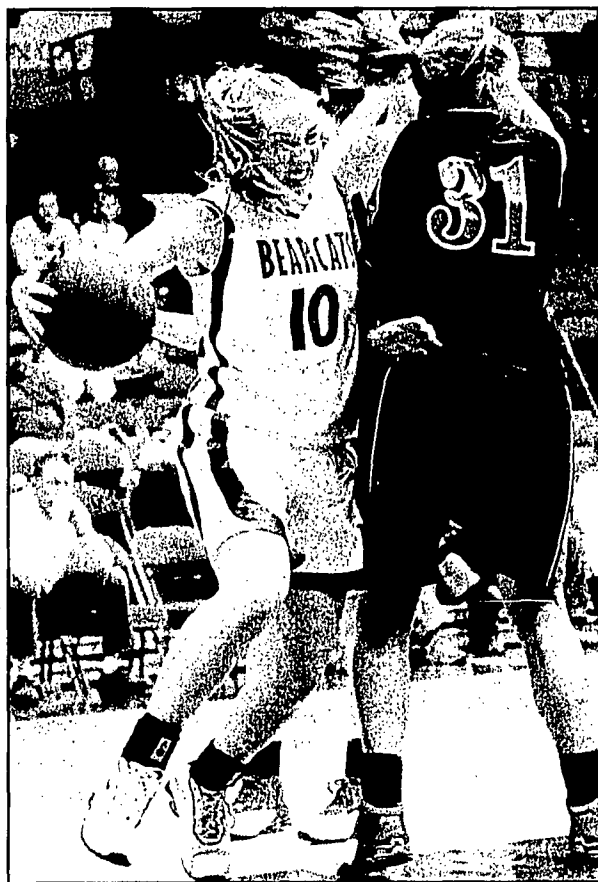
Left: Graduate Assistant Ben McCollum and senior Joe Principe lean forward in anticipation during the final seconds of Sunday's win over Washburn.

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Top: Senior Jane Chalmers corrals a loose ball during the Bearcats first-round game at Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City. Chalmers was named to the All-Tournament team.

Right: Sophomore guard Laura Friederich drives to the basket during the Bearcats opening-round win against Central Missouri State University.



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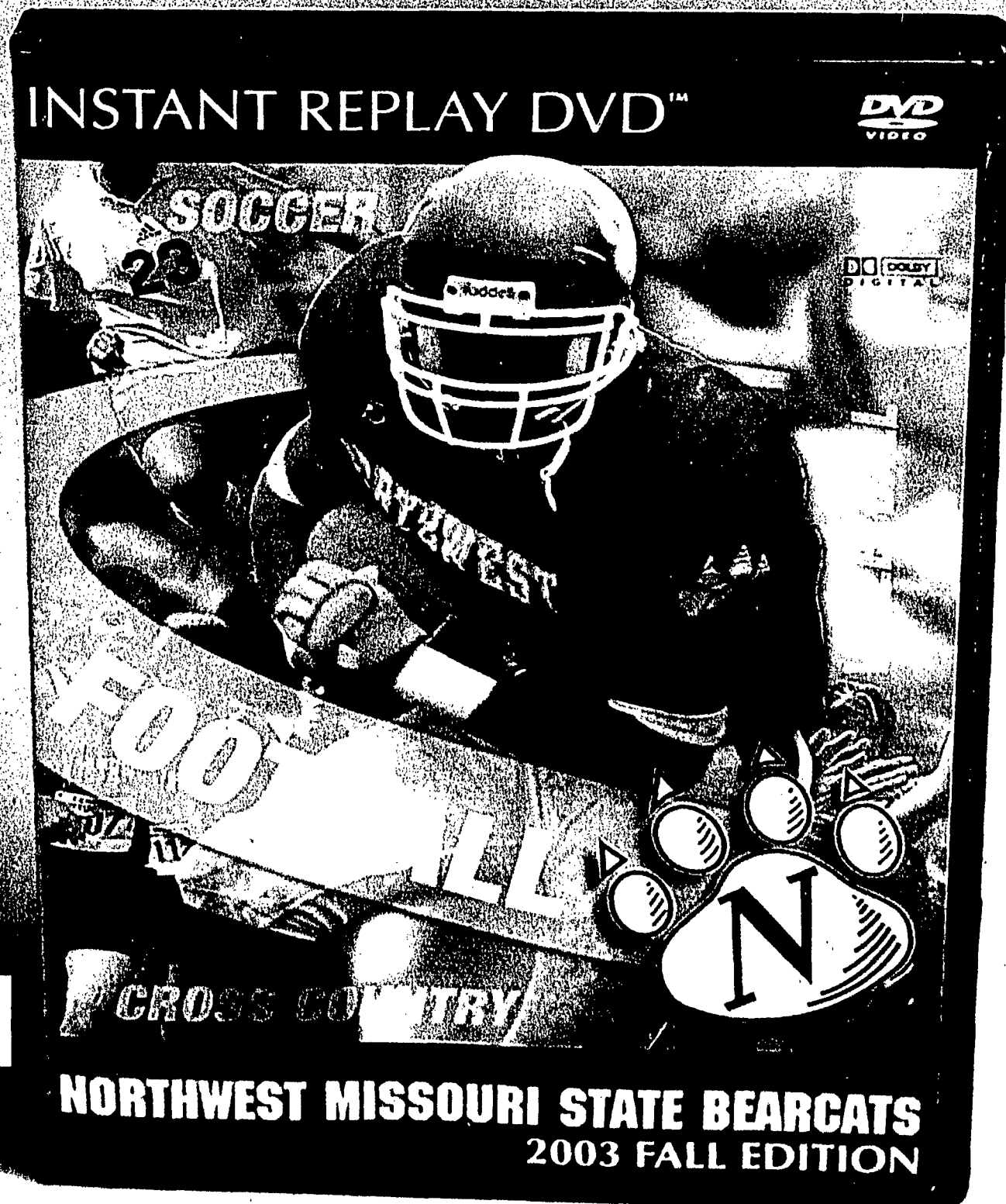
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MIAA Tourney proves to test editor's professionalism

As soon as Austin Meyer slammed home a basket with four seconds left to seal the deal for Northwest on Sunday, I wanted to go crazy, jump up and cheer.

But I could not. As media I am supposed to be non-biased, though some members don't live up to this rule. Nevertheless, I remained neutral. I sucked it in and calmly wrote down my final notes and proceeded to make my way down the court for the post-game ceremonies.

This whole objective thing is new to me, since it was my first weekend covering the Northwest basketball teams. During the quarterfinals of the women's game I did a pretty good job of remaining stoic. But, awkwardly enough, as the weekend went on I found myself having trouble controlling my emotions.

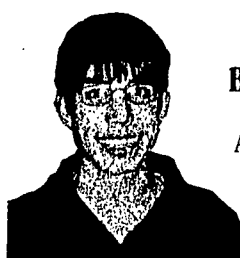
On Sunday I was so happy for the teams, I couldn't believe it. They had swept the tournament. How can you not be overwhelmed with emotion? However, once I got into the car I unleashed. A colleague and I listened to

"We are the Champions" by Queen on the ride home.

So the moral of this story is that, yes, it is pretty nice getting to watch your team win it all, but you must stay professional. I think that was the hardest thing to do this weekend, separating the fan part of me from the reporter part of me. However, the fact that I didn't get to "cheer" for my team doesn't take anything away from the great weekend I had in Kansas City. Just words of wisdom to any future journalists, it's okay to cheer for your team, but separate the fan from the reporter before you get into this business.

As I was watching the men's game on Sunday I found myself getting a little

J-Rome is Warming Up



JEROME BOETTCHER
Asst. SPORTS EDITOR

too excited and I caught myself for the most part. As I was talking with the same colleague about a possible charge call, I saw that a player of the Washburn bench was admiring me where we were placed, right by the Washburn bench.

At the point I saw him, I was doing the "waving off" motion with my hands, indicating that I thought the basket shouldn't have been counted.

The player looked at me and then he nudged one of his fellow players and they both looked at me, I presume, talked about me.

I shrugged it off and didn't think that much about it. However, as I continued to watch the game in the second half, I turned to the Washburn bench after a timeout and I noticed another player (once again a bench player) giving

me the loser sign, (when you make an L with your thumb and index finger). I wasn't sure if he was giving it to me at first, so I looked away for a second and, sure enough, it was directed toward yours truly.

OK, I know I talk a lot of smack, but I was sure I didn't say or motion anything that looked like I was making fun of the team. I mean, maybe the bench knew they weren't going to be going into the game anytime that day and they thought making fun of a freshman reporter who looks like he is 12 would be fun. So I abided by the words of wisdom of "sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me" and the players actions—and their team's lead—went away.

I just don't get it; you are a bench player. You are making fun of me, a freshman reporter. Isn't that kind of low? Or maybe it is a representation of your team? I don't know, but I thought it was kind of rude on their part. However, I am happy to say it didn't affect me. I might look like a 12 year-old, but I try not to act like one.

Men's Tennis starts season at perfect 3-0

By COLE YOUNG
SPORTS EDITOR

While some teams prefer to start their season off with opponents who are sure to be guaranteed wins, the Northwest tennis teams have taken a different approach.

Included in the women's squad's first week were matches against the region's top team and a Division I opponent.

The women defeated Metro State (Colo.), the first-seeded team in the region 5-4 last Friday.

In the win for Northwest, Sara Lipira and Raven Herner each earned key singles wins as well as earning a victory as a double team.

"Sara and Raven both played really well this weekend," said head coach Mark Rosewell, who is entering his 19th year as head coach at Northwest.

After picking up the win over Metro State and a 5-0 win against Colorado State-Pueblo on Thursday.

Last weekend they faced off against Division I Drake and tennis powerhouse Luther College.

Despite being shut out by Drake, Northwest fell only 5-4 to Luther.

"The main thing is that we beat the Division II schools," Rosewell said. "We are going to continue to work on our doubles play."

On the men's side, Northwest has come out of the gate firing. Through their first three matches, the squad is undefeated.

The Bearcats have picked up wins against Colorado State-Pueblo, Metro State and St. Cloud State (Minn.).

Against Metro State the Bearcats came away with a 3-0 shutout.

Rosewell said he is pleased with the men's play.

Both squads are back in action this week with the men facing off against "a good NAIA opponent" in Baker.

Today the women host Missouri Western at 3 p.m.

Bearcats get 2 wins on weekend trip, prepare for tourney at Missouri Southern

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Northwest may have lost their last two games at the Missouri Western Tournament on Sunday, but that didn't seem to plague the weekend as a whole.

"We took some huge strides from last weekend to this past weekend," head coach Susan Anderson said. "It was a great weekend for us in the regards of we got great performances from our pitchers, especially on Saturday. We pretty much had everything together."

The Lady Bearcats fell to No. 16 St. Cloud State (Minn.) 4-2 on Sunday. Right before that they lost to No. 19

University of Nebraska-Omaha 5-1.

"We were able to get outside, continue playing, continually evaluating ourselves," Anderson said. "(We were) not only competing with nationally ranked teams but also beating nationally ranked teams. So that's a great thing for our confidence and to boost us to know that not only can we compete with them, but we can beat them if we put everything together."

The day before, the Bearcats beat UNO 3-1 and then went on to beat Augustana College, one of the top teams in the region, the same day 4-3. The winning pitchers were Kelly Hainline and Talina Canon respectively. Melissa Nimmo and Ashley

Pride each hit a home run in the win over UNO.

Starting pitcher Jacqui Handlos saw some relieving time and picked up a save against Augustana College. She thinks the team just needs to keep playing well.

"I think we just need to be confident, focused and treat every game like we own it," Handlos said. "(We need to) just play to the best of our ability, believe in each other and play hard."

This weekend the team heads to Joplin to play in the Missouri Southern Tournament where they will again see Augustana College, along with conference foes Missouri Southern and Washburn. They will also play Okla-

Indoor Track sends 6 athletes to Boston for national meet

By JEROME BOETTCHER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Six Northwest athletes headed to Boston Wednesday.

Both the men and women's indoor track teams sent three athletes each to the National Indoor Track meet in Boston, Mass.

For the women, both Alisha Samuel and Kailea Cook will compete in the preliminaries of the 60-meter dash at 6:45 p.m. Friday. At 7:15 p.m. Stephanie Sunkten will compete in the preliminaries of the 800-meter run. Fourteen runners will run in the 60-meter dash, while 12 will compete in the 800-meter run. The top nine runners make it to the finals.

"I don't have any worries, I just want to go down there and have fun," Samuel said. "I know I am go-

ing to make it to finals."

The women were kept fresh this past weekend by participating in the Iowa State Division-I Qualifier meet in Ames, Iowa. Samuel finished fourth and Cook finished seventh in the 60-meter dash and Sunkten finished tenth in the 800-meter run.

"What they usually say is that if you run what you did to get to nationals, you're going to be an All-American, because a lot of the athletes that do compete don't run near what they ran to get there," track coach Vicki Wootton said. "It's usually pretty true—it holds up pretty well. If you did what you did to get there, you're going to be an All-American."

Wootton also said that, though Sunkten didn't compete very well last weekend, she will be ready to go on Friday.

"Although Steph ran not as well as

she could have, I think it will help her get over again, kind of those big-meet jitters, so to speak," Wootton said. "I'm sure she will be focused. All three of those young ladies should come home All-Americans if they run well."

For the men, Gabriel Helms will compete in the 60-meter dash at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Eric Isley will compete in the 800-meter run at 7 p.m. and Dan McKim will compete in the weight throw at noon.

McKim didn't compete last week because of a shoulder injury, but Coach Richard Alsop said he is ready for nationals. Helms has been struggling with a sore hamstring, but should be ready to go by Friday. Isley didn't run last weekend because he took time to rest after competing every week.

If the Bearcats make it to finals, they will compete on Saturday.

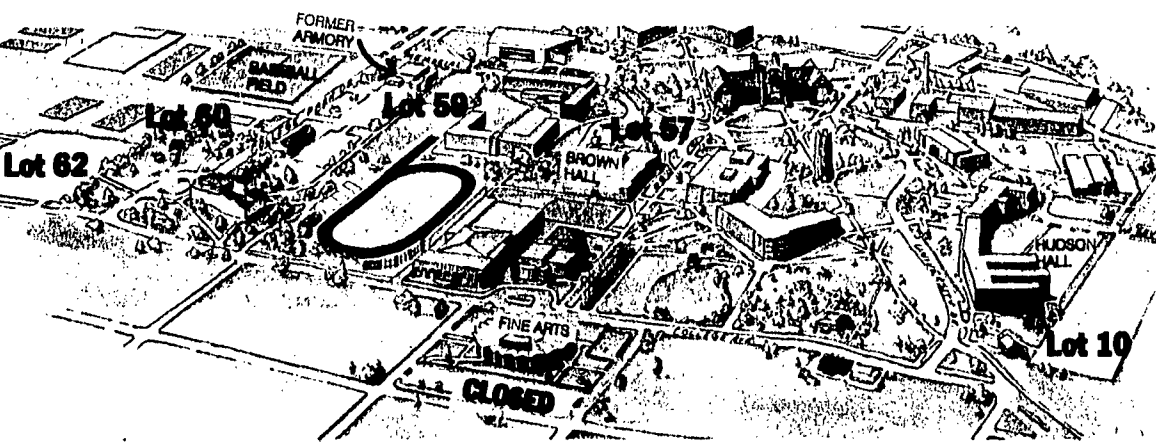
Fine Arts Building parking lot will close Monday, March 22

The parking lot south of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building (Lot 1) at Northwest will be closed for construction of the Fire Arts Building beginning Monday, March 22, for approximately 18 months.

Commuting students who typically use this lot are advised to park in the lot south of the former armory building (Lot 59) or the lot south of the baseball field (Lot 60). **Beginning May 1, commuter spaces will also be available behind Hudson Hall.**

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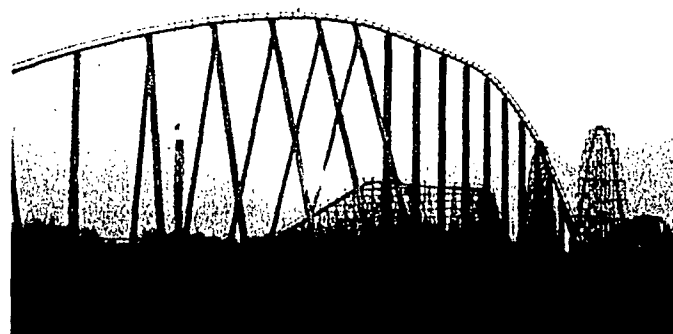


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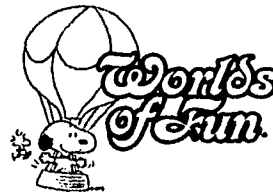
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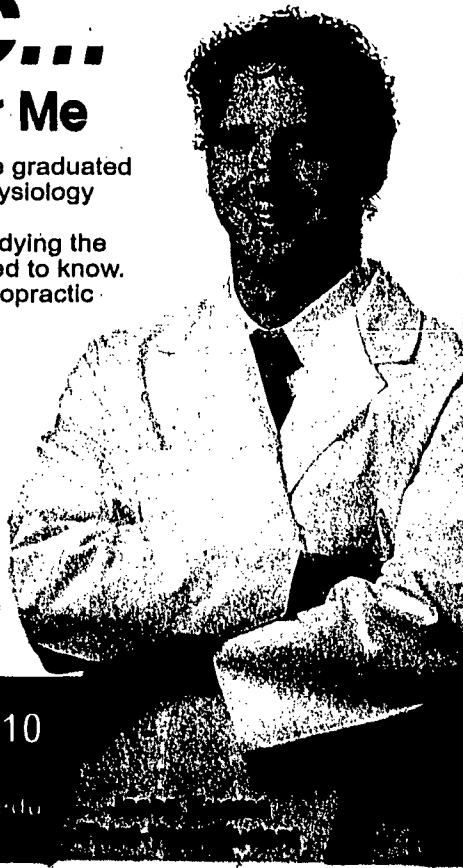


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*What team is your
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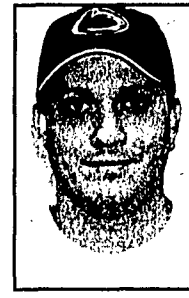
"The Yankees because of their players and their high salary. The Yankees are head and shoulders above everyone else salary-wise."
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"The Red Sox vs. the Cubs. They're due and the Yankees won't win."
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"The Braves vs. the Yankees. The Braves are my favorite team and the Yankees are buying the whole world."
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"The Astros vs. the Red Sox. Pitching, pitching. I think both teams have improved their pitching staffs so much that I don't think there's anybody that can keep up with them."
CHRIS WARD
BROADCASTING

'Dream Job' is another reality bust

To be the anchor of ESPN's flagship show "SportsCenter" is the dream of almost every testosterone-fueled male in America.

So you can imagine the excitement of men, and some women, across the United States when ESPN announced their new reality series, "Dream Job."

The premise of the show is an "American Idol" of sorts, with the winner earning a one-year contract with ESPN and winning a new car.

With every other network cashing in on the reality television concept, ESPN has taken its next shot at it by letting someone fulfill a lifelong dream and become a "SportsCenter" anchor.

Brilliant. Or at least it could have been. In an all too common trend with ESPN these days, the network is taking good ideas and producing horrible results.

The show could have been great. It could have been the birth of the next Dan Patrick or Chris Berman; instead it is becoming the death of ESPN reality television.

Side note: I realize sports are reality television. I am talking about television programs, not baseball, football or basketball games.

To make anything credible you need good judges. Because they are responsible for picking the next anchor. If you want America to believe this anchor is the next big thing, you need credible people choosing that person. Apparently,

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SENIOR REPORTER

"Dream Job" did not get that memo. While two of the judges, "Pardon the Interruption's" Tony Kornheiser and ESPN talent hirer Al Jaffee are legit. The other two judges destroy any credibility the show is trying to gain.

They are football player Lavar Arrington. He is a linebacker in the NFL, hasn't received his degree from Penn State University yet and didn't receive a high enough score on his ACT to become a full qualifier for the NCAA. He is dumb. It's that simple.

The other judge is Kit Hoover. You all might remember her from MTV's first season of "Road Rules." Now, apparently she is qualified enough to give interviewing and highlight-calling tips because she is on "Cold Pizza." That's ESPN 2's version of "Good Morning America," only 100 times worse.

My suggestion for those final two spots would have been, oh I don't know, maybe two "SportsCenter" anchors. I mean they do the job for a living. They know what works and what doesn't.

Pros like Arrington throw a fit when you try and tell them how to tackle or shed an oncoming blocker, yet ESPN thinks he is a credible enough judge to pick the next "SportsCenter" anchor. Sounds like hypocrisy at its finest to me.

And don't get me started on Hoover. She has parlayed her reality television success at MTV into more success at ESPN. I think ESPN would have been better off hiring Jesse Camp, winner of the first "Wanna Be a VJ" contest.

The winner of this competition will have no credibility in the industry. What does he or she pay? Most of the anchors on ESPN worked for years building resume tapes and scooping the competition to get noticed by Jaffee and Co., and now some lawyer from Plano, Texas, gets a free shot at the show because he is going through a mid-life crisis?

When the winner's contract is up after one year, I hope ESPN does the right thing. End the contract and send the winner back to local television where they belong.

When they build up a resume tape and become a credible reporter, not just a funny man who makes up clever sayings, then they can be invited back to "The Big Show."

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'Hounds fall short of winning title

By JEREMY SCHWENK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Momentum was the key for the girls Class 3 District 16 Championship game Friday in Plattsburg.

In a game waiting for the taking, it seemed as if neither the Maryville Spoofhounds nor the Hamilton Hornets could find a consistent offense to conquer the other's defense.

Both defenses looked as if they were respected throughout Friday night's game, but benefited from their counterparts' poorly executed passes and miscues on offense.

Hamilton had a 28-19 lead at the half, but managed to only match five of Maryville's 10 points

in the third quarter, making it 33-29 Hornets.

The 'Hounds had trouble getting started in the beginning of each half, but had their biggest trouble in the fourth quarter, scoring only five points to Hamilton's 12.

"We just didn't make our shots," head coach Randy Cook said. "We had plenty of attempts but couldn't get our offense going."

Maryville was led by senior Cindy Austin with 13 points, but was easily outmatched by Hamilton's three lone scorers. Emily Greenwood, Sarah Jackson and Elizabeth Vollmer scored all 40 points for the Hornets in their 40-34 win.

The loss put the 'Hounds final season record at 15-12.

"We had a good season, despite having one of the district's toughest schedules," Cook said.

The loss marks an end to another girls' basketball season, and while they say goodbye to standout seniors Austin and Abby Walter, they welcome underclassmen who will have to take on new roles that will be left for the claiming by the departing seniors.

"We have a lot of young people," said Cook. "We're really going to have to play some ball come next fall."

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FAN PLAN

	TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Northwest men's basketball			Eastern New Mexico (Stephenville, Tex.)	Regionals TBA		Regionals TBA	
Northwest women's basketball		Washburn (Springfield) 8 p.m.	Regionals TBA		Regionals TBA		
Northwest baseball			UNO noon	UNO 1 p.m.		Missouri Southern 1 p.m.	Washburn 1 p.m.
Northwest softball			Missouri Southern Tournament	Missouri Southern Tournament			
Northwest tennis		Nebraska-Kearney 1 p.m.	Nebraska-Kearney 1 p.m.				Missouri Southern 1 p.m.
Maryville boys' basketball			Quarterfinals TBA				

■ GAME TO WATCH: Obviously, if you can make it to Stephenville, Texas or Springfield, Mo., those should both be good games. The men are facing Eastern New Mexico, an opponent they saw and defeated at the Milner Classic earlier in the year. The women are facing Washburn for the fourth time this season.

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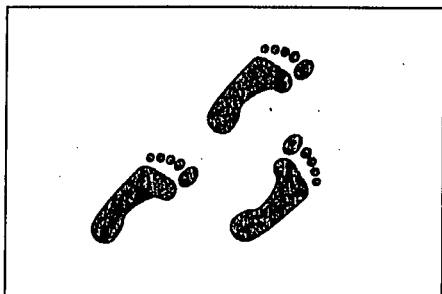
Drag queens entertain Your Man

Your Man has something a little bit lighter to talk about this week.

In order to take a break from all the strolling I've been up to these days, I decided to switch gears a little and check out Common Ground's Dance and Drag Show last Saturday night. I must say, it was quite a time, especially to watch one of our respected professors dress in drag and dance in heels as he tried (and did a surprisingly good job) to lip-sync Cher. He looked frighteningly gorgeous in that dress with those earrings. If I didn't know better, I might have mistaken him for one of my dad's sisters. It made for a hilarious show and it was all for a good cause.

Well, make that two causes. The main cause, of course, was to benefit the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri. I think we can agree that anything for a children's charity is a great thing. But it was also an event in support of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender population here on campus and in Maryville. It's so cool to not only have an organization to represent them, but also professors who are willing to bust a move on their behalf.

Anyone who's ever worn heels knows it can



THE STROLLER

be difficult to walk around in those babies. Now imagine dancing on stage while trying to lip-sync and collect tips from the crowd. I tip my hat to every one of those drag queens because that cannot be an easy task. And I'll admit, I don't have the guts it would take to perform in the first place. Shoot, I tremble like I'm naked in the Arctic when I stand in front of a crowd of 30 under normal circumstances.

Unfortunately, not even half the crowd stuck around to dance after the drag show. Those of you who left missed a great opportunity to see the Stroller get his groove on. I

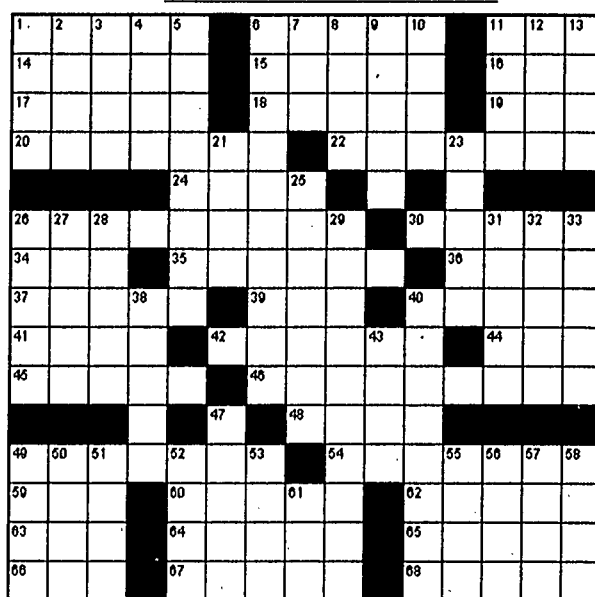
didn't stay all night, but it was great dancing for the time I was there. It would've been even better with a bigger crowd and I might've stayed longer...but that's okay. I'll live to see another day.

I really wished there would have been a bigger, livelier crowd at the show itself though. It would have made the lives of the drag queens a lot easier and rolled in more money for the kids. Not only that, we're going through a time when we need to support such events more than ever. In light of Dubya Bush's cry for a constitutional amendment "to protect the sanctity of marriage," this has become more than just a fight for gay marriage. This is a fight for civil rights in general. Whatever anyone thinks about homosexuality, you just can't mess with the Constitution like that.

Anyhow, thanks to Common Ground and all the beautiful drag queens for a great show Saturday. Also to my gay buddies for taking the time to dance with me so I wasn't left hanging on the sidelines. I had a blast.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across
1. Pertaining to the eye
6. About
11. Drunkard
14. Pale bluish purple
15. Pungent bulb
16. Belonging to us
17. Go away
18. Anguish
19. Israeli submachine gun
20. SE Missouri town
22. Third son of David
24. Hoot
26. Fog composed of minute ice crystals

30. Pertaining to a particular place
34. Wreath of flowers
35. Sucking fish
36. Bright star
37. Alleviate
39. Malt beverage
40. Shackled
41. Piebald
42. Believable
44. Before
45. Fragment
46. Embrocations
48. At that time
49. Notice
54. Speech
59. Exclamation of surprise
60. Western
62. Laxative
63. Female

name
64. Attempt to get away with something
65. Spanish river
66. Be seated
67. Religious odes
68. Lacerate

Down
1. SW Russian city
2. Tempo
3. Rotate
4. Terrible leader?
5. Burial ground
6. Flexible armor
7. Tavern
8. Capital of Latvia
9. Comedian Bill

10. Social insects
11. Spiritual part of a human
12. Liqueur of Greece
13. Cut to required size
21. Pitch
23. Prolonged pain
25. Box of equipment
26. Wing extensions
27. Souvenir
28. Oilcan
29. Tyros
31. Assembly of witches
32. Turn away
33. Loads up
38. Proverb
40. Athletes
43. Someone lying in wait
47. Endocrine gland
49. Clods
50. Indonesian resort island
51. Discharge of a firearm
52. Novelist Phillip
53. Etymology
55. Small dabbling duck
56. Tree with pinnate leaves and usually white flowers
57. Responsibility
58. US comic versifier
61. Long period of time

on the edge

Basketball facts:

■ Until 1937 the referee in basketball had to throw a jump ball after every basket.

■ According to basketball manufacturer Spalding, the average lifespan of an NBA basketball is 10,000 bounces.

■ On Jan. 15, 1892 the first basketball rule book was published.

■ Baseball and basketball are the two most hazardous sports for the eye. The primary eye danger in basketball isn't the ball—it's the opponent.

■ Basketball got its name from the half-bushel peach baskets used as targets by the originator, James A. Naismith in 1891.

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Mar. 20 **The Malarkies**
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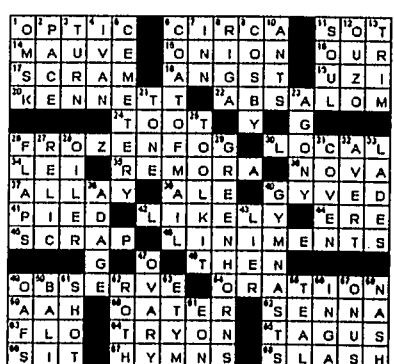
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